

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL**January 9, 2023****7:00 P. M.**

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:00 P. M. by Mayor Spencer Johansen in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mayor Johansen led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken to find the following physically present: Mayor Johansen, Alderman Mattingly, Alderman Little, Alderman Richard, Alderman Stover and Alderwoman Wilson with Alderman Franklin absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Ken Sours.

It was moved by Alderman Mattingly and seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022 regular session City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Stover and seconded by Alderman Richard to approve the Treasurer's Report and paying of the bills in the amount of \$34,642.27. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Old Business:**Update on Landlord Registration**

It was noted that all landlord's had complied except one. They were working with the company that does the billing for the trailer court.

New Business:**Discussion/Vote Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement with School**

Everyone knows the history of this. We suspended the payments on the TIF agreement for three years to build the road for Casey's. The school is still in agreement to hold back payments for another three years until 2026.

Our intentions are to help with the water but have not named a dollar amount here. We will be locating water mains, drainage tiles and vacating part of Wall street. Mr. Deters will be showing this agreement to the School Board this evening.

Motion was made by Alderman Mattingly and seconded by Alderman Stover to approve Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement with the School. Motion carried unanimously.

Vote to go into Closed Session to Discuss Policy/Procedure/Personnel Changes

Motion was made by Alderman Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to go into closed session to discuss policy/procedure/personnel changes at 7:06 PM.. Motion carried unanimously.

Vote to go into Open Session

Motion was made by Alderman Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to go into open session at 8:09 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Vote Policy/Procedure/Personnel Changes

Motion was made by Alderman Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Wilson that the City Council approves and supports the Mayor's proposed actions directives and any emergency procedures, if necessary, regarding the lawful implementation of policies, procedures, and personnel changes in all its departments discussed in the January 9, 2023 closed session of the Lexington City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Johansen reported on the following items:

He saw an article on social media that Stuckey's was thinking of expanding this year and he sent Mrs. Stuckey a message on facebook that we would be interested in having one in our area. They would be interested but money is kind of tight. He let her know we have some property in the TIF District. He is still waiting to hear back from her but it would be a good addition to this area.

Carey Davis is finalizing a proposal to give to Tentac on purchasing the property for the apartment complex.

Carey told him about a developer's summit on January 26th put on by Bloomington Normal Business Commission called Bloomington Normal by the Numbers. He is planning to attend and is drawing something up with a little bit of Lexington history and what we are looking for in the future to take to the summit. He is hoping it will be a good learning experience.

Casey Wells was looking at an art gallery building in Bloomington but they were being uncooperative with the improvements that he wanted to make. He had asked me if we are interested in the eagle but we do not have the money for it. He has been offered \$25,000 for it but he is asking \$40,000. He did offer him Patton Park to display it in.

Coffee Hound is moving forward with their roasting business.

He is meeting with Donnie Bounds on the status of the lease on the building on Main Street.

He has emailed the attorney to get feedback on the trailer court. He took a drive through it and it is an eyesore. We enforce ordinances on private property. We can't enforce speeding but

can we enforce or ordinance on junk cars, tires, etc. in the trailer court? He is still waiting on a response from the attorney.

The Kinsella lease came back with the wrong property description. He will get it out to the council as soon as he receives it back. The response to the easement and the draft letter is what we said. We will not get the parking lot. We are not going to do what they want and we are under no obligation to do anything with the lien. If we agree to give them the easement we will need to vote on that. They want it on the agenda for a yes or no vote.

We will get the solar proposals on the 20th of January and they will be at the next meeting for discussion only.

Police: Alderman Richard reported the Safe-T act is four pages of acts that went into effect on January 1, 2023 that we need to deal with but there has been a freeze put on it.

He had a map of the Kinsella property that was highlighted in yellow of what we will give to them. He will call a meeting to go over it with them and discuss Option 2 which is business friendly as soon as the revised legal description on the lease is received. Both surveys show an alley through there that was vacated a long time ago but never recorded. If they can prove they own it we will pay to have it recorded. They cannot do anything with it as that is an easement.

Building/Insurance None

Finance /TIF None

Water/Sewer/Sanitation Alderwoman Wilson reported that there had been a water leak on Spencer Street that it took four days to find and it was now fixed.

Mayor Johansen had offered to loan Billy DuBois out to Cooksville to help out in an emergency there. This is what the Mayor’s Association is all about and Billy is doing a good job.

Street/Alley: None

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Mattingly to adjourn at 8:29 P.M. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pati Pease

City Clerk

Approved: January 23, 2023