

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

April 24, 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 Richard, Alderman Stover, Alderman Franklin, Alderman Little and Alderwoman Wilson. Members of the public and staff present were: Dave Cheley, Emma Rolley, Jonna Suessen, Jacob Miller, Edith Miller, Peg Reynolds, Amalia Esparza, Kagan Baulgaer, Aveny Cummins, Margaret Hall, Tiffany Edmiaston, Jim Sowizrol, Dennis Walker and Dustin Carter.

Approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

It was moved by Alderman Stover and seconded by Alderman Franklin to approve the Treasurer's Report and paying of the bills in the amount of \$32,572.50. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Discussion/Vote on Recommendation by Police Committee to Hire New Police Chief Tim Edmiaston

Mayor Johansen commented that they had interviewed several candidates and he knew within 10 minutes of starting the interview that Tim was the best candidate for the position. He is honored to have him on board.

Motion was made by Alderman Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to hire Tim Edmiaston to fill the Police Chief position. Motion carried unanimously.

Swearing in of new Police Chief Tim Edmiaston

Clerk Pease swore in Tim Edmiaston as Lexington's new Chief of Police at this time.

Discussion/Vote Resolution 2023-4: Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code

Bill Elias reported on the resolution numbers from IDOT. They seem to be pretty accurate for the upcoming year's needs for road rock, patching, concrete and sidewalk repair with a total of

\$59,000, engineering on top of that would be \$2,400 and a 10% buffer making a total of \$68,000.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Richard to approve Resolution 2023-4: Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Johansen reported on the following items:

He thanked everyone for stepping up while he has been out of the office dealing with family matters.

There has been interest again in an indoor sports complex and he has another meeting with an investor scheduled. It will be located on the other side of BP and is still in the early stages of planning.

Donnie B's is coming along good and now hopes to be ready to open by June and bring more businesses to town.

The airport bill was set to go to Springfield last Wednesday. At the last minute they had put a hold on the bill due to it having so many questions with the airport authority. They wanted to be assured they would not raise everyone's taxes in McLean County down the road and wanted some feedback from the county board who tabled it until June. Now it is going to be read this Wednesday. He plans on going to Springfield. Everyone needs to fill out the Witness Form again. The Heyworth mayor is going to speak along with Cathy Wilder. He believes the airport authority will reach out to the Bloomington Normal residents.

He will be in and out of the office the next few days but will be working remotely.

The Red Carpet Corridor is coming along. They are in need of servers for the picnic. If you can help, talk to Star. There will be bands and kids games.

Things are moving well with the subdivision and there is a lot of interest in duplex and single family lots. They are waiting on something from Farnsworth. They are thinking of using the existing pump station in Timber Ridge as it may be less expense than putting in a new station. They had some feedback on their street names. The county told them they could not have names if they were used in any other town in McLean County. After some discussion, we are allowed to use them.

It was suggested that Carey needed to use some of the school's drawings of the new school in his marketing materials.

Carey is working on a website.

Police:

None

Building/Insurance

Alderman Franklin reported that they are still waiting on the surveyors to do the Kinsella property.

The measurements that we have on the parking lot might be wrong and the lease would need to be redone.

Finance /TIF

Alderman Stover reported that they are penciling in on the budget but are still waiting on more information from the auditors. They could not get it to him until after tax season.

Water/Sewer/Sanitation

Alderwoman Wilson reported that they had a committee meeting last week with five applications. One took a position at Brandts. They only wanted to interview two. The first is not returning phone calls so they will move on to the next.

Street/Alley

None

There is a meeting with the fiber optic companies on Thursday. They will have five days to get everything cleaned up or the City will start issuing ordinance violations.

It was noted that they had had a good winter to get work done.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Franklin to adjourn at 7:31 P.M. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pati Pease

City Clerk

Approved: May 8, 2023