

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL**November 8, 2021****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 Stover, Alderman Little, Alderman Richard, Alderman Mattingly, Alderman Franklin and Alderwoman Wilson. Members of the staff and public present were: Kenneth Sours, Mike Cotter, Randy Jacobs, James, Maggie, Rosalee and Anthony Holocker, Nick, Heidi, Brady and Tessa Daugerty, Nancy Sullivan, Angela Sullivan, Joey Walker, Maggie Walheman, Tessa Walker, Jami Walker, David Belvery, Bryan Schultz and Nicole McNamara.

It was moved by Alderwoman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Mattingly to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2021 regular city council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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 \$20,834.67. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

New Business:

SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE OFFICER - THOMAS WALKER

At this time Chief Belvery swore in Thomas Walker as the newest member of the Lexington Police Force.

Old Business:

DISCUSSION - TO PROCEED WITH VACATING ALLEY/EASEMENT BETWEEN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND COFFEE HOUND

Alderman Franklin met with Bill Elias, who had met with Mike Cotter. The Fire Department has made an alternate proposal to the City for the alley behind their building. They still want the 120 foot section starting from the south, but the new building addition will not go as far west as first proposed. This will leave the alley open as an easement to access the power pole by the Coffee Hound block building. The Fire Department would use that portion of the alley for parking. The Fire Department would also like the City to convey the east 10' of the alley running north starting where the 120' piece to the south ends. Conveying the east half of the alley to the north could clean up the issue for future councils.

It was noted that there is a Frontier pole located there also. Mike Cotter would like to see if Frontier would move it out there.

This has not been taken to the lawyer yet as they wanted to see how everyone felt about this proposal first. There still needs to be an intergovernmental agreement not to build on the easement drawn up.

Mike Cotter stated that he would need to take the redesign to the Fire Board for approval.

Bill Elias and Mike Cotter also talked about taking the retaining wall down and making a waterway through there.

Mayor Johansen wants to make sure that we are sensitive to the needs of the Coffee Hound before any utility poles are moved. He also wants to be sure all drainage problems are addressed. When an alley is vacated all easements stay in place.

Ameren is still saying they do not want to move the lines.

Councilmen seemed to be ok with the alternate proposal as long as there was an intergovernmental agreement not to build on the easement. Mike Cotter will need to take it to the Fire Board for approval before it can be sent to the city's attorney to prepare the ordinance.

New Business:

DISCUSSION/VOTE - PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

The Planning Commission has met earlier and discussed rezoning various parcels. Mayor Johansen called upon Ken Sours, a member of the commission to report their findings. They voted to rezone all the following properties to B-2 (Highway Business District).

610 W. Main Street, (PIN No. 09-07-284-004) currently M-1 (Manufacturing District) (Brandt Office)

110 N. West Street, (PIN No. 09-07-281-012) currently M-1 (Manufacturing District) (Across the street from Brandt Office)

102 E. Parkway, (PIN No. 09-08-164-012) currently R-2 (Residential District) (Property sold to Vance)

104 S. Center Street, (PIN No. 09-08-163-010) currently R-2 (Residential District (Salt Shed)

506 ½ W. Main Street (PIN No. 09-07-281-009) currently M-1 (Manufacturing District) (Cheever Property)

Motion was made by Alderman Richard and seconded by Alderman Mattingly to accept the Planning Commission recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor's Report: Mayor Johansen reported on the following items:

He introduced Nicole McNamara who was attending the meeting. She is Star's new assistant.

BP is moving forward with their plans and should have a detailed plan of what they are doing soon.

The question of whether we would need a public hearing to discuss our levy was asked but it was decided that we would not as we are not affected by the windmills.

Commerce Bank donated their office furniture to the city. Alderman Little organized the FFA boys who moved it all for us. We made a donation to the FFA as thanks for their help.

We will be using the Commerce Bank building to put vendors in for Christmas on the Prairie.

He would like the Finance Committee to meet to earmark the American Rescue money for spending.

There has been progress on the selling of the Commerce Bank building. He believes the closing will be at the end of December.

The shops did well with the holiday open houses the first of November. The good weather helped.

Police: None

Building/Insurance Alderman Franklin is meeting with insurance companies this week.

Finance /TIF Alderman Stover is still working on the levy.

Water/Sewer/Sanitation Alderwoman Wilson reported that they are power washing the outside of the Water Tower. It is still a couple of years away from needing to be painted.

Also, the garbage rate will be going up in 2022.

Street/Alley: None

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Franklin to adjourn at 7:30 P.M. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pati Pease

City Clerk

Approved: November 22, 2021