

## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL**

January 23, 2017

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor, John Mohr, in the City Council Chambers at Lexington City Hall.

Roll call was taken to find the following physically present: Alderman Miller, Alderman Cole, Alderman Johansen, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Richard and Alderman Stover. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Heather Patrick, Jon Dove, Katie Chapman, Zach Knight, David Belvery, John Colclasure, and Leo Schreiber.

It was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Cole to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2017 council meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Stover and seconded by Alderman Johansen to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$389,605.73. A little over \$309,000 is pay request #2 for the water treatment plant construction. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Input:** Katie Chapman, Project Manager for Bright Stalk Wind Farm addressed the council. Bright Stalk, who has an office in Bloomington, is the company competing for land leases with locally based Invenenergy. Mayor noted that the city currently has an agreement with Invenenergy regarding the 1.5 mile set back. Katie noted that Bright Stalk is planning to avoid the 1.5 mile set back. Mayor asked if they'd be interested in having an office in Lexington. Katie noted that they are open to suggestions as a second office is something they are open to discuss. She is looking for a point of contact for township road usage. She wants to know what roads have recently been upgraded and what roads are going to be upgraded in the future. She noted that the county has asked that they work hand in hand with all the small towns. Mayor noted that she will need to discuss road usage agreements with the Township Board and offered to provide her with contact information for those individuals. Katie noted that Bright Stalk will install up to 100 turbines and are hoping to be up and operating by 2018. She asked that any questions regarding their project be directed to them instead of discussed as part of the rumor mill at the local bar.

Zach Knight with Farnsworth Group provided the council with an update on the construction of the water treatment plant. Last week a large crane placed an enormous filter through the roof of the facility. Face piping and processing piping is being worked on inside the building at this time until weather permits them to move outside. Alderman Meyer asked how they replace such a large filter in the future after the roof has been closed up. Zach noted that there are 4 filters inside the one vessel and the design is such that there is one backup filter that will come online if one is down.

### **Old Business:**

**Liquor Code Revision:** Mayer circulated an amendment to the liquor code changing the hours as discussed at the last council meeting. Motion by Alderman Richard and second by Alderman Miller to approve Ordinance 2017-1 An Amendment to Chapter 5, Section 31 of the City Code

Pertaining to the Hours of Operation of Premises Licensed to Sell Alcoholic Beverages. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

**Employee Health Insurance 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Admin Renewal & Prescription Plan Renewal:**

Alderman Richard is asking to approve TASC as the 3<sup>rd</sup> party administrator for the employee health insurance plan for another year. He noted that the previous plan administrator had signed the city up for a Procure Prescription Plan that will need to be discussed at the next meeting. Motion by Alderman Richard and second by Alderman Meyer to approve TASC as the city's 3<sup>rd</sup> party administrator for the employee health insurance plan. Motion carried unanimously.

**Phase 1 Study-905 W. Main Street:** Alderman Johansen noted that he has been working to get a new restaurant into the old Filling Station. The lender for the prospective buyer is requiring a Phase 1 study on the property. A Phase 1 is an assessment similar to a glorified history search on a property. The site is visited by a professional engineer that will look for signs of fill pipes, stained soil, etc. The final product is a report that will sum up the findings. Lending institutions use the report as a risk assessment tool to help make a determination as to the risk level of a site they will be lending on. Mayor noted that a free alternative would be to ask the lender if they would have the city assume the liability risk. Alderman Cole would rather spend the money on the Phase 1 report and use the city assuming the liability risk as a last resort if the Phase 1 report is not accepted by the lender. Having the city pay for the report makes the city the owner of the report for future inquests. Motion by Alderman Johansen and second by Alderman Cole to have Farnsworth prepare a Phase 1 study on 905 W. Main Street in the amount of \$2,500 to be taken out of expense account 44.44.150. Motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

**Mayor:** Mayor wrote a letter to Josh Martin regarding the council's decision on his vacant lot.

**Police:** None

**Building/Insurance:** None

**Finance/TIF:** None

**Water:** None

**Sanitation:** Alderman Johansen reminded everyone to be thinking about what to do with Business Builders as the next meeting with them is February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Streets/Alleys:** Alderman Miller contacted Corn Belt regarding a street light on the corner of Orange and Route 66. Corn Belt will install the light at their cost however there will be a monthly fee of \$8.36 assessed to the city.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Richard and seconded by Alderman Miller to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 2/13/17