

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

April 10, 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, David Belvery, Chuck Wright, Mary Beth Wright and John Colclasure.

It was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Cole to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2017 council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Stover and seconded by Alderman Cole to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$528,648.08. Included in this amount is another pay request from PJ Hoerr for the water treatment plant construction and an EPA loan payment for the sewer plant. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Input:** None

**Old Business:** None

### **New Business:**

**Castle Garden Request for Utility Burial:** At the last meeting Chuck and Mary Beth Wright discussed their desire to have a utility line that stretches across their property buried. Mayor recommends finding the money in the budget to accommodate this expense as their family has gone above and beyond cooperating with easements and equipment for different projects. Because they are trying to bring a lot of businesses to town, Mayor feels it merits some consideration. Chuck noted that Ameren will not provide another estimate until there is a commitment for payment. He would like to try and keep costs down by contracting with local workers like, Walker Adams, to do the trenching and conduit work. Motion by Alderman Miller for the city to commit \$8,000 towards the utility burial. Motion died for lack of a second. Motion by Alderman Richard and second by Alderman Meyer to fulfill the city's easement commitments by committing to investigate Nicor and/or Ameren's cost and what the city's share of the contribution would be. Motion carries unanimously. Alderman Richard will contact Ameren and/or Nicor.

**FY 18 Budget:** Mayor distributed the budget spreadsheet with changes from Saturday's meeting via email. There are still items that need to be changed and inputted. Employee salary increases need to be considered. This item will be carried forward to the next meeting. Mayor Mohr delegated the remainder of the budget work to Alderman Johansen but offered to answer questions along the way.

**Closed Meeting Minutes Review:** Motion by Alderman Johansen and second by Alderman Miller to appoint Alderman Richard and Alderman Stover to review past closed session meeting minutes. Motion carries unanimously.

**Proposed 4 Way Stop at Main Street and Cedar Street:** Motion by Alderman Johansen and second by Alderman Miller to install a lighted stop sign at Main Street and Cedar Street. Motion carries with a vote of 5 yes and 1 no.

**Committee Reports:**

**Mayor:** Mayor discussed a note he received from Mrs. Shuler regarding some storm runoff behind her home in Trail Ridge. Mayor passed this on to Alderman Miller and Alderman Cole to work with the Street Department to come up with a solution.

**Police:** Alderman Meyer noted that he's been working with Chief Belvery on their portion of the budget. He noted that he has recommended a salary increase for the full time officer to bring him up to what the part time guys are making. Replacing him would cost the city far more than increasing his salary to equal the hourly rate of the part time officers.

**Building/Insurance:** None

**Finance/TIF:** None

**Water:** None

**Sanitation:** Alderman Johansen noted that the city workers helped clear the area around Kelly Tobin's restaurant.

**Streets/Alleys:** Alderman Miller met with Bill Elias regarding work on Pine Street. They've decided to fix the drainage problem first, allow that work to settle and come back at a later date and apply a permanent fix to the road.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Johansen to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 4/24/17