

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY HALL

Monday, January 11, 2009

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Mohr in the City Council Chambers at Lexington City Hall.

Roll call was taken finding the following present: Mayor Mohr, Alderman Brill, Alderman Cole, Alderman Fiero, Alderman Miller, Alderman Revelle, and Alderman Winterland. Also in attendance was Atty. Tom Jacob, of Bloomington.

It was moved by Alderman Brill and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2009 City Council meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Revelle to approve the Treasurer's report and authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$ 17,028.62. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Margaret Quinley pointed out the recycling container that is now available to councilmen in the Council Chambers to be used as materials are purged. She also noted that the Illinois Municipal League has made available extra copies of the information that was in the most recent "Illinois Review" regarding the changes to the FOIA and OMA legislation (Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act) that City representatives need to be familiar with.

New Business:

TIF Opportunities – Mr. Tom Jacob, of Tom Jacob Associates of Bloomington, was present to describe the services his firm provides to municipalities in Economic Development and TIF Management. Lexington's current TIF District was established in 1995, and is in need of revision to more accurately comply with more recent TIF legislation. Also, given the opportunities the completion of the sewer system will provide, now is a good time to plan ahead for the coming growth. Mr. Jacob and the Mayor have toured the City, so he has been able to help determine areas of greatest potential. He asked that the City provide him with copies of the last several TIF annual reports, a copy of the Ordinance that extended the current TIF District, and that the Council review the original 1995 TIF Redevelopment plan. He will be back at the next council meeting and bring associates from his firm as well as a proposed professional agreement.

SHOW Bus Donation – Mayor Mohr presented a request by SHOW Bus for funds that enable the service to continue and to qualify for other funding. It was moved by Alderman Brill and seconded by Alderman Cole to make a \$500.00 donation. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Animal Control Ordinance Amendment – Ordinance 2010-01 – an Ordinance Amending Chapter 11 – Dogs and Other Animals – has been proposed as follows: Domestic animals/fowl found running loose will be caught and impounded for a period of 3 days. If not claimed by the owner of such in that period, the animal/fowl will be delivered to McLean County Animal Control. Owners will be charged a \$15.00 per day boarding fee while in the City's care, as well as any applicable fines. No animal will be released to anyone other than the owner. No animal will be released without proof of required rabies inoculation or without being registered in the City. It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Fiero to adopt the above clarifications. Motion carried unanimously.

Garbage and Refuse Ordinance Amendment – Ordinance 2010-02 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 – has been proposed as follows: The monthly fee set forth for collection and disposal of residential garbage will be charged every one-family and two-family dwelling within the City of Lexington which: is occupied; is maintained in a condition that permits immediate occupancy; is subject to billing for and/or receives City water service; and is actually receiving garbage/refuse service. It was moved by Alderman Fiero and seconded by Alderman Revelle to adopt the above noted changes to the current code. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Mayor – 1) Mayor Mohr has contacted McLean County GIS, which will be sending a large paper map of the City and surrounding area with parcel ID numbers for use in evaluating possible TIF changes. 2) Mayor Mohr is encouraging development work on the City website as soon as possible to get it further developed and current. Alderman Fiero will come to City Hall at a time and date to be specified to instruct staff and any interested council member on the process, which will allow them to get items posted on the site. 3) Mayor Mohr read a thank you from the 2009 Lexington Football Team for the City’s financial donation.

Police – Alderman Brill had received an email from a concerned citizen regarding damage at St. Mary Catholic Church. Extra patrols are in place. Mayor Mohr expressed disappointment that the work of assembling data re: recent cases and their disposition is taking so long to gather.

Buildings/Insurance –Alderman Miller has had one response from a sewer construction bidder and their response that they may not need any office space for their particular division of the project. He has contacted but not heard from the other contractors.

Finance/TIF – Alderman Winterland has contacted Commerce regarding the analysis service charge on the most recent statement. The new contact at Commerce is now Kevin Birlingmaier, who has agreed that the charge was in error since the Sweep Account was closed, and will see that it is refunded. Mayor Mohr commented that we should be receiving the STAG funds very soon.

Water – None

Sanitation – Alderman Fiero has been in contact with Dan Winters with all the service concerns since we began the curbside recycling. December pickup was a compound of lots of factors that reduced the level of service. Bad weather, a 5-week collection period that included 2 holidays, and a newer driver that still appears to need more training caused lots of missed pickups and prompted confusion and many phone calls. The router supervisor will return and stay with the new driver until problems are ironed out.

Street/Alley - Employees have been spending time in the snowplows due to the weather, but no other issues.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Winterland to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Quinley, City Clerk

Approved: _____