

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Monday, January 25, 2010

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:30 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. Members of the public and staff present were: Tom Jacob, Chuck Wright, Jessica Miller and Kristin Powell; Mike Beard and Dave Schneider.

It was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Brill to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2010 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 \$91,902.30 (this included large invoices for the annual wastewater treatment plant site payment and sewer work done to date by Farnsworth Group). Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input:

Chuck Wright Jr. had 2 issues to discuss: 1) Would like to have a contact name to talk with regarding the sewer easement at Charles Wright Sr.'s property in relation to work they plan on starting this spring. Mike Beard can provide him with that information. 2) Since he is aware of arrests last week, and in light of vandalism at St. Mary Catholic Church by some of those arrested, he want to make sure that the Police Department follows up on any further activities by these individuals so that they are held accountable and not let off with minor punishments.

Old Business:

TIF Development – Mr. Tom Jacob was again in attendance and provided the council with copies of the TIF Amendment Timeline, the proposed Professional Services Agreement and the Ordinance which would authorize the Agreement. The base fee would be \$25,000, with annual administrative fees of \$7500 plus costs for the services they would provide, which would be all-inclusive of enacting and administering the proposed amended TIF district for the City. After discussion, it was moved by Alderman Cole and seconded by Alderman Miller to move this question to the February 8, 2010 agenda. This would give council members more time to study the proposal. It would also give the City staff time to gather information needed to shape the boundaries of the proposed TIF district amendment. Motion carried with 5 yes votes and one abstaining vote.

Job Descriptions for All Full-time Positions – In order to better define roles, determine qualifications, and work towards performance-based evaluations, Mayor Mohr asked for employees to provide him with outlines of duties performed. He has received such from Quinley, Beard and Elias. More work is on-going for the others.

New Business:

Resignation of Interim Chief – Dave Schneider, who was put in the position of Interim Police Chief at the end of Spencer Johansen's employment, has tendered his resignation in that position as of February 1, 2010. He would like to return to his previous position. At the point that the job of Police Chief is opened for applications, he would consider submitting an application. Mayor Mohr also relayed that he had received, today, the resignation of part-time Patrolman Bryan Blair. Mayor Mohr indicated that two resignations in a department of 6-8 (6 active) full and part time people indicated a leadership and organizational problem that needs to be reviewed for possible reorganization. After discussion, it was moved by Alderman Fiero and seconded by Alderman Revelle to accept the resignation. Motion carried with 5 yes votes and one no vote. The Police Committee will schedule a committee meeting sometime before the next City Council meeting to address these issues.

Website Training – Mayor Mohr used the new projector for the computer to display for the Council the developing City website. Alderman Fiero announced that all interested in learning how to log onto the site and entering/editing content should meet with her and Mr. Peacock at the High School on Wednesday

afternoon after school for training. A hierarchy needs to be established for maintaining and overseeing the site.

Meeting Time Change – In order to allow Mayor Mohr to attend the Lexington Township Board meeting on February 8, he would like to ask that the City Council meeting be moved back to 8:00 p.m. It was therefore moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Cole to reschedule the February 8, 2010 meeting to 8:00 p.m. instead of the usual 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Mayor – 1) Is using the new projector for the computer, the cost of which has primarily been defrayed by the proceeds from the sale of miscellaneous City items. **2)** Has been contacted by Jim Morrison regarding the terms of the easement agreement, which say that the City will have the force main easement on his property marked and cleared of growth by March 15. The Street Supt and Water Supt will get this done when weather permits prior to that date. **3)** Met with Geoff Andres of the EPA on Martin Luther King Day, along with Phil Houser, in order to check on progress of EPA loan paperwork. Financing is still within expectations. Terms will still include 0 interest, an Unsewered Community Grant of \$5,000,000 and principle forgiveness. Construction should be started by April 1. **4)** Met with the McLean County Regional Planning staff to get the map showing the entire city with the present TIF and municipal boundaries and PINs marked. This will be used in exploring an amendment to the TIF district. The purchase of a GPS Receiver (approx \$3-5000) would allow the City staff to locate water, sewer and storm utility location data which could be sent to MCGIS for entering in the McLean County mapping database. Then the City could publish a link on its website to this data for the benefit of homeowners and developers. **5)** Had information about the Overholt Drainage School in Sidney Ohio. At approximately \$1000 per person, staff could get training in surveying and using GPS equipment March 22, and he would like to encourage participation. **6)** Has received calls from the EPA regarding the 2009 \$300,000 and 2010 \$100,000 STAG grants appropriated by Senator Richard Durbin. They would like to roll them into one payout, which should come soon. The City's match for these funds has already been spent. **7)** Has approached Farnsworth Group about writing a proposal for a master storm water drainage project. **8)** Attended a recent School Board meeting to give them a heads up about the proposed TIF amendment, and to get them thinking about what they will need to do to get connected to the sewer system. **9)** ISU is still on track to provide \$150,000 toward the center pivot irrigation system. **10)** Met with representatives of First Midstate about issuing bonds to finance the curb-to-house sewer project. Interest would be in the 4-6% range, but a bank loan might be more reasonable. **11)** The Red Carpet Corridor Linear Fair along Ollie and Dorothy Myers Trail will be May 1-2. Early interest in the event is very good. **12)** Met with City Attorney, Mike Tibbs, last week. He had no objection to the City working with Tom Jacobs, but suggested caution in selecting parcels to be included. Job descriptions and performance reviews, for full time employees, was discussed.

Police – Alderman Brill reported that 7 arrests have been made in the last couple of weeks that will solve the rash of vandalism and burglaries. Disposition of those cases is now in the hands of the McLean County State Attorney's Office.

Building/Insurance – Alderman Miller has contacted all of the bidders on the sewer project regarding the City property available for temporary work headquarters. 2 will not need space, 1 is interested, and 2 others say it's too early in the project to know. Contracts are currently being prepared for these bidders, so they may know more soon. Jon Devore remains interested in the shed on S. Morris St, as well as Becker Tree service.

Finance/TIF – Alderman Winterland wanted to express thanks to Dave Schneider for the work he has done as Interim Chief.

Water – The remaining Timber Ridge services need to be addressed soon.

Sanitation – None

Street/Alley – None

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Brill to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Quinley, City Clerk

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