

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Monday, March 22, 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 physically present: Mayor Mohr, Alderman Miller and Alderman Winterland, Alderman Brill and Alderman Revelle. Aldermen Cole and Fiero were absent. Members of the public present were: Mary Beth Wright, Jon Kemp, Christy Collier, Donna Williams, Josh Martin, Rod Martin, and Brian Becker.

It was moved by Alderman Brill and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the minutes of the March 8, 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 \$52,668.32. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input:

Donna Williams reported she has been in touch with WMBD, Channel 31 regarding the Red Carpet Corridor event to be held the first weekend in May. Lexington is in the running to be one of the communities filmed for television. Donna also mentioned they are still looking for vintage cars to be parked at the Ford Dealership along old Route 66 for the event. She has taken care of assuring there will be additional security for vehicles parked overnight. Donna also requested access to at least one fire hydrant and picnic tables.

Mary Beth Wright thanked the Council for considering her TIF request and indicated she was anticipating a decision at tonight's meeting. She also asked that in order to be equitable to all that, in the future, if the City has any properties for sale that they be advertised in the Lexingtonian with a price.

Old Business:

Disposition of Morris St. Storage Shed: Mayor Mohr read a letter from the City's attorney that described the City's authority to sell the Morris Street shed. Key points include: a sale by resolution can not be for less than 80% of the property's appraised value, the City is not required to accept the highest monetary offer for the parcel, the City may accept any proposal determined to be in the best interest of the City, the City may consider factors such as compatibility, commitments to increase employment, the amount of sales tax and/or property tax generated. Three bids were received: Becker Tree Service - \$68,000; Devore Landscaping - \$65,000; and Rod Martin - \$65,000. Copies of bids and descriptions of proposed usage were distributed to Council members for review. Discussion and a decision will be made at the April 12th Council meeting.

TIF Request Recommendations: It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Brill that a TIF interest free loan, be awarded to Chuck and Mary Beth Wright for tuck pointing at 112 N. Cedar in the amount of \$12,750. 1/36th of that amount will be forgiven each month from the date of issuance for three years as long as they own the property. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Brill that a TIF interest free loan, be awarded to Kenny's Restaurant and Lounge at 316 W. Main for rerouting outlets from two grease traps to the City storm tile network in the amount of \$5,580. 1/24th of that amount will be forgiven each month from the date of issuance for two years as long as the restaurant remains open and in operation. Motion carried unanimously. The work is necessary because the old outlet tile has collapsed and is no longer effective. The shorter time period for principle forgiveness is related to estimates of sales tax receipts.

Codification Project Status: Alderman Brill indicated a couple more questions need to be answered and everything will be set to go.

Golf Cart Ordinance: Alderman Revelle is looking at Ordinances other communities have in place in order to draft an appropriate one for Lexington.

New Business:

2010 Street Fest: It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Revelle that Main Street be closed at noon on July 17, 2010 as proposed for the 2010 Street Fest. Motion carried unanimously.

Storm Water Management Master Plan: Mayor Mohr has had conversation with Farnsworth about creating a Master Storm Water Management Plan. Due to the scope of the project Farnsworth was asked to break the project into individual watersheds. There will be further discussion.

Sledding Hill: Alderman Winterland presented a possible plan to use some of the dirt from the sewer project for a sledding hill that could be created for the use and enjoyment of the community during winter months. Alderman Winterland will check further into a similar facility in Michigan.

Brian Thomas Assignment: Mayor Mohr would like to consider having Brian Thomas help coordinate the plan for connecting homes to sewer lines. Brian Thomas had a large part in developing records of current set ups in most of the homes and would be a great asset to the sewer project. No decision was made at this time.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: 1) Horizon Wind Energy will be hosting open houses in Chenoa and Colfax soon. Horizon would like to meet with Lexington City Council to review economic development opportunities. At this time, there have not been any leases signed closer than 1.5 miles to City limits.

Police: There were some complaints about the Irish Fest – noise and people drinking outside the bar. Donna Williams also indicated that cigarette butts are a constant problem outside local bars.

Building/Insurance: Alderman Miller has received information regarding possible health insurance options for City workers from the Linden Group and Blue Cross Blue Shield. Summaries will be presented at the April 12th meeting.

Finance/TIF: Chairman Winterland reminded everyone to turn budget items in.

Water: None

Sanitation: None

Street/Alley: City employees have removed several trees using City equipment and a man-lift that was rented. This saved the City a considerable amount of money over hiring a contractor to remove the trees.

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,

Andrea Neumann, Substitute City Clerk

Approved: 4/12/10