

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Monday August 23, 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, Alderman Revelle, and Aldermen Cole. Alderman Fiero was absent. Andrea Neumann was present as substitute for City Clerk Margaret Quinley. Members of the public present were: Mike Beard, Zach Knight, Terry Killian, Tom Kinsella, Linda Benedict, Donna Good, Josh Martin, Robin Park, Bob Kohlhase and Bill Elias.

It was moved by Alderman Brill and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the minutes of the August 9, 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 \$25,119.01. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input:

Tom Kinsella commented on how much improved several areas around town are and thanked City workers and others who have been involved in the positive appearance of the area around Freedom Station, Sticher Park and Anvil Brand. Tom commented on speeding vehicles in the area of the Shake Shack and asked if the Police Dept. could monitor the situation or if a speed bump could be installed.

Mr. Kinsella also indicated he hopes that the City Council will take future expansion into consideration before allowing the construction of the proposed wind turbines.

Bob Kohlhase of Farnsworth reported the progress of the sewer project is on target. Discussion also included a timeline for the system to begin working, EPA financing is still on track, disbursements are on track and the EPA is pleased with progress to date. Farnsworth met with Mike Beard and Bill Elias regarding road restoration possibilities, including resurfacing the entire street after construction. Mr. Kohlhase indicated there are a couple of "winter projects" the Council could work on – 1) review Ordinances from August 2009. An Ordinance indicates a 6" pipe will be used from residences when it should read a 4" to 6" pipe. 2) The Council should also review user fee ordinances.

Josh Martin reported that a person of authority perceived his participation in the sewer project as a conflict of interest and would be willing to back off if the Council feels he should. In that event, Mr. Martin would still make himself available for any questions or help in any way.

Old Business:

Water Service Fees: It was moved by Alderman Cole and seconded by Alderman Winterland to approve **Ordinance 2010-8**, making it the homeowner's responsibility to pay \$325 from curb stop to the main for tap on or improvement services to their property. Motion carried unanimously.

TIF District Amendment: Mayor Mohr and Alderman Winterland met with Lexington School officials to keep the school involved in TIF amendment discussions. The group discussed how the TIF increment has only a small impact on state aid to the school. Steve Brown, School Board President, reminded the Mayor and Alderman Winterland that state aid represents only a small portion of the district's budget. The group agreed to continue this dialogue with an eye toward increasing the school's enrollment.

New Business:

Lost Grain Bin Compensation/Irrigation Site: A 30,000 bushel grain bin owned by Parker Kemp and used by Steve Brown, located at the irrigation farm had to be removed due to the sewer project. Brown has put a new bin up on his own property. Kemp and Brown have asked if the City will help offset the approximately \$16,000 cost of removing the bin? They have asked the City if it would provide \$8,000

toward those expenses. Bob Kohlhase will research before any compensation decision is made. The bin in question was not an issue during the early planning, easement and lease negotiation stages.

Bright Stalk Wind Energy Proposal: Robin Park reported on the progress of the Bright Stalk Wind Energy Farm project. Three turbines would be constructed within 1.5 miles of city limits and a minimum of 2,000 feet from any residence. Horizon Energy has proposed a Contribution Agreement for the City of Lexington that would pay the City a total of \$24,000 for the placement of these turbines within the City's zoning jurisdiction. There was discussion of City expansion/annexation east of Orange Street and how that may affect the placement of turbines and the Contribution Agreement. Mr. Park said he will review plans and report back to Mayor Mohr.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Mayor Mohr encouraged Councilmen to talk to property owners where development possibilities exists.

Police: None

Building/Insurance: Alderman Miller spoke with City Attorney Michael Tibbs about a problem receiving pictures for applications to make some City owned parcels tax exempt. The paper work is in process.

Finance/TIF: Alderman Winterland has received a TIF request from Ron and Marlene Mann in the amount of \$14,550 for building improvements/repair.

Water: None

Sanitation: None

Street/Alley: None

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Winterland to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Neumann, Substitute City Clerk

Approved: 9-13-10