

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

October 11, 2010

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

Roll call was taken, finding the following physically present: Mayor Mohr, Alderman Brill, Alderman Cole, Alderman Miller, Alderman Revelle, and Alderman Winterland. Alderman Fiero was absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Bill Elias, Helen Leake, Ron & Marlene Mann, Linda Benedict, Donna Good and Eva Ann Beasley.

It was moved by Alderman Brill and seconded by Alderman Winterland to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2010 City Council meeting. 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 \$23,404.09. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Mayor Mohr reminded everyone that the public can address any item on the agenda at this time, but once council deliberations and discussions have started, public input is to be very limited.

1. Ron Mann asked why his TIF request for tuckpointing of the Post Office building at 301 W. Main was denied. He felt since he had been a resident for over 25 years, his request should have been considered over one made by an individual who is new to the community. He felt he had not had good communication from the TIF committee. **2.** Linda Benedict asked Mayor Mohr if he was the one who had hired a structural engineer, as her attorney had indicated. Mayor Mohr replied that he had not, but that Code Compliance Officer Jenkins had, as the next step in the Ordinance Violation process, which has yet to be resolved. The item will remain on the agenda until that time.

Police Chief's Report:

Chief Schneider was called out just as the meeting began, but left a summary report of September activities as follows: 45 calls for service, 15 assists to other agencies, 2 assists from other agencies, 7 assists to Fire/Rescue, 5 case reports, 2 arrests, 2 verbal warning traffic stops, 8 traffic citations, 1 DUI, 284 building checks and 1,681 patrol miles logged.

Old Business:

Republic Garbage Toters – Although Alderman Fiero was not present, Mayor Mohr noted that since the Council had approved the proposal by Republic Waste Management, the company has delivered the garbage toters and will begin delivery Tuesday, 10/12/10. At no charge, each residence currently being served will receive a toter similar to the one currently in use for recycling. These will be picked up on a weekly basis. Haulers will continue to use a separate truck for "overflow material" until the company determines who might need a second container on a regular basis. Information is both in the newsletter and on the City website.

Meadow Ridge Berm – More spoils from home construction are now available. Hundman's have been contacted on several occasions regarding their responsibility for this portion of the project, but no-one has had any response. Some trees have been planted, but not to the required density. No council decision was made on if or how to pursue the situation. It will be tabled for the time being.

Storm Drainage Issues – Alderman Revelle will need to call a meeting of the Street/Alley Committee in order to review information received from Bob Kohlhasse, of Farnsworth Group. He has forwarded a list of several options to Bill Elias, which needs to be studied. In the meantime, Elias has removed 3 beaver dams from ditches north of town, and thinks cleaning out the same (along the railroad near North Orange St. and the one running to the ISU Farm) will improve the flow of water in times of heavy rains.

Golf Cart Ordinance Amendment – Alderman Revelle reports that he still does not have all the necessary information to format the amendment to the ordinance. The State Highway Department is OK with properly registered golf carts/neighborhood vehicles crossing Rt. 66 at the Main St 4-way stop. Supt. Elias has made contact with the County Highway Dept., but has had no official response as of tonight's meeting.

TIF Request from Mann – Alderman Winterland explained that TIF requests need to be accompanied by at least 2 bids for work, and Mr. Mann had only obtained one. Also his application had not included

information about how the expenditure would contribute to the EAV of the property, increase employment , contribute sales tax, or what personal investment he had made in the project site since the previous grant to obtain these objectives. Alderman Winterland volunteered to meet with the Manns following the meeting for further discussions.

Benedict Property Issues – This item will stay on the agenda until some resolution is achieved.

New Business:

Process for Homeowner Connections – Mayor Mohr announced that he had received the sewer project loan amendment from the Illinois EPA and he was pleased with the details. This amendment provides for 25% forgiveness of the loan principle and 0% interest rate on the balance. This is good news with respect to the revenues dedicated to repay the loan and the resulting estimated user fees. It leads to the question of whether the City can finance the connection fees for residents. He will contact the City attorney to see what options the City can pursue, and perhaps put together a survey for all residents to get a sense of public preference.

Committee Reports:

Mayor – The City Halloween Party will be held on Sunday, October 31 from 2-5 p.m. at the Lexington School Gyms. As in the past, he is asking aldermen that are available that day to help with judging and food service. Trick-or-Treat hours will be from 5-8 p.m. that evening.

Police – None

Building/Insurance – Alderman Miller has contacted Lexington’s Assessor Tim Grusy regarding property taxes on certain city-owned parcels. Even though the exemption has been applied for and filed, paperwork has not caught up with the mailing of assessment notices. There is also an error with a parcel ID number, which will also be corrected.

Finance/TIF – None

Water – None

Sanitation – None

Street/Alley – None

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Quinley
City Clerk

Approved : 10-25-10