

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

November 8, 2010

At 7:30 p.m., the regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order by Mayor Mohr. This meeting was held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

Roll call was taken finding the following physically present: Mayor Mohr, Alderman Fiero, Alderman Cole, Alderman Miller, Alderman Revelle, and Alderman Winterland. Alderman Brill was absent. Members of the staff and public in attendance were: Chief Schneider, Mike Beard, Josh Martin, Sara Compton, Bradley Dworkin (Hilltop Mobile Home Court owner) and Melanie Kunkel.

It was moved by Alderman Fiero and seconded by Alderman Miller to accept the minutes of the October 25, 2010 council meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Revelle to accept the Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$37,792.87. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Input: 1).** Mr. Bradley Dworkin, owner of Hilltop Mobile Home Court in Lexington, was present to discuss his plans for the Court, and dispel rumors, which are untrue and unfounded. He does NOT plan to expand the court, sell the court, or turn it into a golf course. He was unaware of the Mobile Home section of the City's municipal code, but is pleased that it is now available online and will keep the Mobile Home Court in compliance with those regulations. No more old homes will be demolished or burned onsite, and he has an understanding with the current manager in this regard. Instead he will work with the City's Code Compliance Officer in getting old, out-dated, and unsafe homes moved out and replaced with new homes as needed. He also has plans to use some of the property abutting the river as a recreational park for residents, to be developed once the City sewer project is completed. Mr. Dworkin wants to play a more active role in the community, and will be available to the Council whenever needed. **2).** Josh Martin raised concerns about the type of resurfacing material that has been installed on streets in the Northpark Subdivision during sewer construction. He feels that un-specified materials were used, and he also wants to know about warranties on these surfaces. Mayor Mohr will follow up with the engineers and contractors to make sure contract details were being implemented properly and as specified.

**Police Chief's Report:** Chief reported the following activity for the month of October: 41 calls for service, 18 assists to other agencies, 1 assist from other agencies, 4 fire/rescue assists, 7 case reports filed, 4 arrests, 11 verbal traffic warnings, 12 traffic citations issued, 401 business checks completed, and 1768 patrol miles logged. Checks, miles and fuel numbers are all down due to fewer duty hours.

### Old Business:

Alderman Revelle reported on discussions held by the Street/Alley committee regarding drainage issues in various parts of town. Areas on the north and east sides of town will receive attention first. Based on the committee's recommendations, it was moved by Alderman Revelle and seconded by Alderman Cole to proceed as follows: 1. Survey the north drainage area, at an estimated cost of \$5000.00. 2. Have the ditches/culverts cleaned out on Orange St. west and north to the railroad tracks, and west and north of Old Rt. 66 to the Interstate, also at an approximate cost of \$5000.00. 3. Proceed with the design of a 36" tile installation from E. Bowery St to the ditch east of town, and begin purchasing material as funds allow for that project. The remainder of required funds will then be added to the budget for FY 2011/2012. Motion carried unanimously.

### New Business:

**1. City Activity Director Proposal** – Sara Compton brought a proposal outlining how she would like to serve as the City's Events Coordinator. Included in those duties would be: Halloween Party organization and direction, Christmas on the Prairie organization and direction, Spring and Fall garage sales coordination

and Website/Directory maintenance and publication. She estimates these tasks will consume about 200 hours. She is asking for compensation of \$2000. Mayor Mohr and the council thanked her for a great presentation and will look into budget issues before making a decision on her offer.

**2. Senior Citizen's Turkey Dinner** - After discussion, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Fiero to make a donation, not to exceed \$300.00. to provide this meal Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Sewer Connection Work Session** - Mayor Mohr would like to schedule a City Council work session to explore City options for accomplishing sewer connections for residents. The session will be posted and held Monday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

**4. & 5. – Kemp Trust Annexation/Hardman Annexation** – These two items are being tabled until a later date, based on the attorney's advice. Notification must be given to Lexington Township officials in advance in the Kemp Annexation situation, and there could be zoning implications that would need to be addressed in the Hardman Annexation.

**6. – ILRB Settlement and Release Agreement** – After discussions with the City Attorney Pat Murphey and Police Committee Chair Brill, Mayor Mohr presented a Settlement and Release Agreement between the City and Jason Edmunds that he is recommending for Council approval. The settlement and release agreement responds to charges pending before the Illinois Labor Relations Board. An executed agreement approved by the City Council will contain defense costs and bring to resolution the unfair labor practice charge. It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the agreement, and issue a \$5,500 settlement check with proper withholdings to Jason Edmunds. The motion carried unanimously. Then a discussion followed on the response to the collective bargaining unit's proposal for pay scale for part-time police officers in Lexington. The proposal from ICOP was to be retroactive to March of 2010 and range in amounts from \$14/hour to \$17.00/hour, based on length of employment. The response offer from the City would begin with December 2010 wages and range from \$14/hour to \$15.50/hour. The adopted scale will be applied for 3 years, to be re-negotiated in 2013. This offer will be forwarded to Attorney Pat Murphey.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Mayor – 1.** Reported on the conference call with Mr. Dworkin, Dworkin's attorney, the City's attorney and Mayor Mohr regarding the Mobile Home Court, its management and its compliance with local and state mobile home park regulations. **2.** No report has been received to date from the structural engineer's evaluation of the barn on the Benedict property. **3.** Reported that approximately \$250,000 remains to be paid on the Wastewater Treatment Plant property. Two more annual payments will be due before the City will begin making IEPA loan payments, and so the value of an early payoff should be discussed. **4.** Alderman Winterland asked if there had been any more action by Code Compliance procedures in regards to the burned-out house on the corner of South and Pine Sts.

**Police** – Paul Miller chaired this evening's Police Committee meeting in Alderman Brill's absence. Discussed was the need for tires for the Explorer squad car before winter driving season begins.

**Building/Insurance** - Alderman Miller has been in contact with the County Assessor's office to get some assessments corrected that were in error. Also the process for exempt status for the WWTP site and the garage at 115 N Cedar is working and should be complete soon. There has also been interest by an individual in renting the building at 117 N Cedar, now that Rowe Construction has no more need for that location. Alderman Miller has a Wednesday evening appointment to show the property.

**Finance/TIF – 1.** Alderman Winterland has met with Mr. and Mrs. Mann at the Post Office building to discuss their request, and to give them an explanation of how the approval process works and the criteria that are used in making a decision. If they can show how they have made additional investments in the TIF district, then the request would have a better chance of approval. **2.** A request has been received from Charles Koch for funds to be used in expansion of his building on S. Vine St., which houses his growing auction business.

**Water** – Alderman Cole would like barricades to be delivered for use on Main St during the Veteran's Day Ceremony. They would be needed from approximately 10:30 a.m. until noon at the Veteran's Monument next to City Hall.

**Sanitation** – None

**Street/Alley** – None

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Winterland to Adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Quinley  
City Clerk

Approved: 11-22-10