

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

February 28, 2011

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order by Mayor Mohr at 8:08 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Lexington City Hall. The delayed start was due to the TIF Joint Review Board meeting held just prior to this Council meeting.

Roll call was taken finding the following physically present: Mayor Mohr, Alderman Cole, Alderman Fiero, Alderman Miller, Alderman Revelle, and Alderman Winterland. Alderman Brill was absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Jon Kemp, Bill Elias, Mike Beard, Tim Legner of Farnsworth Group, Terry Killian, Andy Schuler, Kasey Wells and Melanie Kunkel.

It was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Fiero to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2011 City 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 \$36,359.92, nearly \$17,000 of which was the Barker Rebate. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input:

Tim Legner, of Farnsworth Group presented the most recent progress report on sewer construction as follows: DIV A – After 365 days, all yard piping has been installed. Fencing, seeding and exterior painting of valves will be completed during favorable weather conditions. FGI has begun control programming on the WWTP Laptop and Desktop Computers. Startup and Training coordination to begin shortly. DIV B – After 365 days Stark has installed the wet well and valve vault structures at each of the five locations. Final tasks include finishing site work, electrical, installation of pumps and Startup. DIV C - After 365 days, Stark has installed 100% of the 12" C900 Forcemain from the WWTP Pump/Blower Building to the Irrigation site. Testing of forcemain, Irrigation signs, and monitoring well installation still to come. DIV D – After 365 days, G.A Rich has installed 75% of the piping. Currently G.A. Rich has halted work until weather conditions improve. DIV E – After 365 days, Dawn Companies has installed 65% of the piping for the contract. Currently services are being installed in the South Ridge Subdivision and East Street. DIV F – After 365 days, Sunrise AG has constructed both North and South Irrigation Systems. Final tasks include connecting Division C Forcemain to Units and Startup/Training. Twelve loan disbursement have been sent to the IEPA for the entire project.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1) **Alley Closure Request** - Jon Kemp presented his request to have the section of alley adjacent to his business (Kemp's Upper Tap) closed on Saturday, March 16 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. This request will accommodate the anticipated attendance at his annual St. Paddy's Day event. He has cleared the date to avoid conflict with any activity at the Community Center. He will be fencing the area, with the only entrance being at the front door, will provide security and port-a-potties. It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Revelle to approve this request. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) **Electricity Purchase Agreement** - Mayor Mohr has received a proposal by Ameren Electricity Marketing. It would give the City the option of fixing electricity costs for up to three years with a potential savings of up to \$34,000. This would not include street lighting costs. Kasey Wells asked where the power was coming from. Mayor Mohr will do more research and report at a later date.
- 3) **Review Vacation/Sick Day/Personal Day Policy** – Mayor Mohr asked the Council to review current policy in regards to employee's vacation days/sick day/personal day policy to see how employees are being treated.
- 4) **Water Bill Amnesty Program** – Mayor Mohr explored the idea of a one-time amnesty program which would give residents with past-due accounts an opportunity to get their accounts current by waiving the late charges. More discussions will be held during up-coming budget work.

Committee Reports:

Mayor – 1. Using data from the most recent Financial Report, Mayor Mohr asked the Council to look at the numbers and begin thinking about projections for expenses and revenues for the next fiscal year. **2.** The new Census Bureau population number for Lexington is 2060, or an increase of 148 residents from the 2000 census. This will have a positive impact on the per capita revenues the City relies on for the General Fund. Receipts based on the new number should begin arriving after the start of the new fiscal year. **3.** As a way to improve the cash flow in the Water Fund, and because the General Fund appears in good health, Mayor Mohr would like to move the Collector's salary back to the General Fund. This will be included in budget planning. **4.** Now that the population has passed the 2000 mark, the Appropriation process will be changed to include a notice and a public hearing prior to adoption. **5.** Mayor Mohr has been in talks with Commerce Bank, Heartland Bank, 1st Midstate, and 1st Farm Credit Services in regards to how the City may most favorably finance the sewer-to-house connection portion of the sewer system, and how to structure the next budget to accommodate these costs.

Police – None

Building/Insurance – Alderman Miller reported that he is in receipt of a model ordinance that was sent by the Lexington Fire Department and proposes requiring lock boxes on business structures, to be used in emergency by firemen needing access and lessening damage to property. He will get more information for another meeting. Also, the new tenants at 117 N. Vine are slowly moving in.

Finance/TIF – None

Water – None

Sanitation – None

Street/Alley – Alderman Revelle has gotten information from Bill Elias on the cost of getting repair work done on the snow plow blades. One estimate of replacing the bottoms was \$1150.00.

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,

Margaret Quinley, City Clerk

Approved: 3/14/11, with the following correction: The date of Jon Kemp's alley closing request should be for Saturday, March 12.