

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

April 11, 2011

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

Roll call was taken finding the following physically present: Mayor Mohr, Alderman Brill, Alderman Cole, Alderman Fiero, Alderman Miller, Alderman Revelle, and Alderman Winterland. Members of the staff and public present were: Chief Schneider, Mike Beard, Jon and Shelley DeVore, Donna Williams, Cindy Caldwell, Kasey Wells, and Melanie Kunkel.

It was moved by Alderman Brill and seconded by Alderman Revelle to approve the minutes of the March 28, 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 \$68,823.76. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Donna Williams informed the council of progress on the Red Carpet Corridor event. Vendor spaces are being laid out, vendor registrations are coming, and she is working on the advertising. She passed around a sign-up sheet for council volunteer opportunities on that weekend, and gave information about the Tractor Show to Anne Fiero for posting on the City web site.

Police Chief's Report: Chief Schneider reported that he will be giving a presentation to local Scouts on April 19, and is planning for assistance at the 5K Run being held April 30 in conjunction with the Born Learning Trail dedication event. March service statistics are as follows: 24 calls for service; 8 assists to other agencies; 0 assists from other agencies; 2 fire-rescue assists; 5 verbal traffic stops; 5 citations; 1 DUI; 272.5 man hours; 333 building checks; and 1787 patrol miles logged.

Old Business:

1). Lexington Commons Proposal – Kasey Wells made a power point presentation to the council that laid out his ideas for a "Lexington Commons" project. In a desire to see if there are ways that the City of Lexington can endorse opportunities for citizens to share resources, reduce daily financial resource demands, and increase Lexington's ecological contributions, Mr. Wells has several ideas. Prime among them are development of an Energy Commission on the City Council, creation of a Community Workshop, a Community Shed, a Community Farm, and a Community Commons Card. Council members responded with comments, and the Mayor pointed out ways the City tries to be efficient with tax-payer monies and encourage local business development. Mr. Wells will further research some of the ideas presented and get back to the council.

2). Electricity Purchase Agreement – Alderman Fiero presented the proposed agreement with Ameren Energy Marketing that sets the per kilowatt hour cost at \$.0498 as of today for the City's electric expenses, as compared to the current \$.0615. A fixed pricing agreement for one or two years will allow the City to budget more accurately, and realize some savings. After discussion, it was moved by Alderman Fiero and seconded by Alderman Brill to execute the agreement for a 2 year period. Motion carried unanimously.

3). West Shed Property – An amended Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property was presented for council consideration by Jon and Shelley Devore of Devore Landscaping. Due to the time-sensitive issues related to the landscaping business, the time required to get structures and materials relocated, and the uncertainties of property disposition at their present site, the Devores would like to be able to rent the building they will be buying later this year, and have nearly immediate possession. After discussion, including the City's ability to complete removal of City material in and around the shed, and what to do about relocating the pens used by Animal Control, it was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Brill to enter into the agreement allowing immediate possession, with \$400/month rent for six months (not to be applied to the purchase price) and a closing date of September 30, 2011. Motion carried with 5 yes votes and 1 no vote.

4). Sewer Connection Lateral Specifications – Mayor Mohr had just today received from Farnsworth Group the completed draft of the specifications for the service lateral connection project. Key points for decision were the type/size of pipe to be used, the type of fill to be used, the amount of backfill left on

trenches, and what percentage of bonds are to be required. The City desires the work to be uniformly bid, using plumbing code-approved materials, to be of desired quality workmanship, and to achieve the greatest financial benefit to property owners. It was moved by Alderman Brill and seconded by Alderman Revelle to Adopt the Specifications for Sewer Service Lateral Connections, and to include the requirement of SDR 26 PVC pipe – 4” residential and 6” commercial, require that fill be sand, require that the trench be backfilled to 12” above ground level, and that performance bonds be required to be at 100% of the contract price. Motion carried unanimously. Sealed bids will be due May 16, and the date for the Pre-bid Conference is yet to be set.

New Business:

1). Part-time Police Contract - Since no response has been received from ICOP regarding the City’s counter-proposal, no action is required at this time.

2). TIF Grant for Track Cinders – Due to damage to the Lexington School track during sewer construction, Paul Peacock has requested TIF funds to allow for the replacement of cinders for the surface at the north end. After discussion, it was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Cole to allow a TIF expenditure of up to \$1000 for this project. Motion carried unanimously.

3). Closed Session-Property Acquisition 2(c) 5- It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Revelle to go into closed session at 9:45 p.m. to discuss property acquisition 2(c)5.

Open Session resumes at 10:25 p.m. with the full council in attendance.

Committee Reports:

(Due to the late hour, reports were dispensed with. However, a TIF/ Finance Committee/Council Budget Workshop was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2011 at City Hall)

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Winterland to adjourn at 10:30 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Quinley, City Clerk

Approved: 4/25/11