

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

April 25, 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 Fiero, Alderman Cole, Alderman Miller, Alderman Revelle and Alderman Winterland. Members of the staff and public present were: Mike Beard, Bill Elias, Tina White, Tim Legner, Rod Ruder (Altorfer Caterpillar), and Melanie Kunkel.

It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Fiero to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2011 City Council meeting, with the date of the Connection Bid Opening to be corrected to May 19; to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2011 Police Committee meeting, and to accept the minutes of the April 18 Finance Committee meeting. 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 \$23,270.40. Motion carried unanimously.

### Public Input:

**1.-** Tina White came representing the Parent Teacher Organization, with a request for assistance in the construction of the new playground equipment. She specifically needs an 18" and 14" auger and operator, as well as a transit. Bill Elias says the City does not have augers that large, but does have a transit. The group is looking for volunteers to aid in site preparation on June 7 & 8, and on installation dates of June 11 and 13, starting at 7:30 a.m. The group would also like to have this request placed in the City newsletter, with responses directed to [helppto@gmail.com](mailto:helppto@gmail.com) or Tina's phone at 365-8990.

**2. –** Tim Legner, of Farnsworth Group, presented on the most recent update on the sewer construction as follows: **Div. A** –After 421 days, fencing around the WWTP site continues, although recent rains have prevented seeding. Start up and Training will begin shortly. **Div. B** – After 421 days, the wet wells are installed at all 5 locations. Electrical work, site work, pump installation and start up remain to be completed. **Div. C** –After 421 days, all the forcemain is complete. Testing of forcemain, Irrigation signs, and monitoring well installation still to come. **Div. D** –After 421 days, 87% of the piping is complete. Currently installing sewer on S. Vine St. and South St. **Div. E** – After 421 days, 75% of the piping is complete. Currently installing sewer across South St. **Div. F** - After 421 days, the north and south irrigation systems are complete. Connecting Division C forcemain to units and startup/training remain.

**Old Business:** None

### New Business:

**1. - 2011-12 Committee Appointments** - These are not complete at this time.

**2. – New Shed and Rock Bins** – A building to replace the shed which is being sold has had a previous estimate of \$115,500. That estimate now would be approximately 20% more, and would have to include wages paid at the prevailing rate. There would also need to be a 3 month lead time before such a structure would be complete. Much discussion followed, but no decision was reached at this time. However, the necessity for the material storage bins requires action. Bill has an estimate, including the prevailing wage, that is \$57,385.45 for new bins, also to be located at the WWTP site. Salt storage has some specific requirements, which are taken into account in this bid. After discussion, it was moved by Alderman Revelle and seconded by Alderman Cole to allow an expenditure of \$58,000.00 for the construction of storage bins. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. – VFD's** – Mike Beard has obtained an estimate from Stinde Electric for 3 Variable Frequency Drives for the water plant pump meters. The cost is \$13,000, but energy savings and Ameren rebates should recoup most of the cost in a year or so. This equipment can be relocated at such time as the City builds a new water treatment plant. After discussion, it was moved by Alderman Cole and seconded by Alderman Miller to purchase and install the VFD's. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. – Backhoe Purchase** – The City's current backhoe is 11 years old and needs to be replaced. 2 bids have been obtained from Altorfer Caterpillar and Birkey's (Case). City employees have test driven both

pieces of machinery and prefer the Caterpillar model 420E IT Backhoe. After trade-in, the purchase price for the 2011 hoe is \$65,866.00. Payments can be spread over 60 months. Mayor Mohr would like to keep \$15,000 in the budget annually for replacement of this type of equipment. After more discussion and input from the Altorfer representative Rod Ruder, it was moved by Alderman Cole and seconded by Alderman Revelle to purchase the backhoe using water fund cash. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. – City Hall Lighting** – Alderman Miller has been researching the advisability of replacing the lighting fixtures in the City Hall offices and shop. Current fixtures use a T12 fluorescent bulb, which will no longer be manufactured after 2011. A bid from Stinde Electric of \$9570.00 will remove all 33 office fixtures and replace them with T8 surface-mounted acrylic lens fixtures, as well as remove all shop fixtures and unused equipment and replace with 6-lamp T5HO lamp light fixtures. Rebates are also available for this type of project. It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Brill to make these replacements. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. – 2011-12 Budget** – The working budget numbers were presented, and after discussion, only a few changes were made: The sales tax projected revenue in the General Fund was reduced to \$175,000; the grant from ISU of \$150,000 was added to Sewer Fund revenues; The cost of a replacement shed was moved from General Fund/Street Dept to Sewer Fund; The cost for the lighting at City Hall increased the Building Maintenance item to \$10,000; and payroll increased by a 2% raise. It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Revelle to adopt the 2011-12 budget with the above noted changes.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Mayor** – 1) Mayor Mohr has received more calls from Mr. Chaney asking for his property to be included in the proposed TIF Amendment. The steps to be taken are being researched with Dan Walker at the Economic Development Group. Mr. Chaney has proposals from 3 different developers and wants to move ahead as soon as possible. 2) Remediation of the Benedict property is ongoing, but hampered by weather. Given the progress, a court extension until May has been granted. Council consensus was that the expenditures by the City in getting this resolved need to be recovered, even if a lien is required to do so. 3) The house at Pine and South is scheduled for demolition, but the owner, in spite of early statements, is using the remaining garage as a residence. The Code Compliance Officer will be asked to continue to monitor the situation. 4) The North Oak Street house remains to be dealt with. 5) Mayor Mohr has spoken with Peak Capital Management, who has put Lexington's name in front of developers interested in residential projects. Areas of interest would be in the proposed TIF Redevelopment area.

**Police** – None

**Building / Insurance** – Alderman Miller reports that the City's health insurance plan will enjoy a 16.9% rate reduction this year, including health and dental coverage. He has spoken with the Health Star representative, who also reports that the \$50/month prescription drug administrative fee will not increase, and neither will the vision portion of the coverage. He reports that the only negative that has been found with the program is the amount of paperwork required of staff and employees. A 3<sup>rd</sup> party administrator could take over this function if the City so desires. They have asked if the City would consider providing a "testimonial" for the company to use on their website. Alderman Miller will compose that and get it to them.

**Finance/TIF** – Alderman Winterland reported a pending TIF grant request that has been received from Donna Williams.

**Water** – None

**Sanitation** – None

**Street/Alley** – Bill received the Motor Fuel resolution too late to be included on tonight's agenda, so it will be moved to the agenda for May 9. He also reports that all the City property has now been removed from the Morris St shed and lot.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Fiero to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Quinley, City Clerk

Approved: 5/9/11