

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

June 27, 2011

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

Roll call was taken to find the following physically present: Mayor Mohr, Alderman Cole, Alderman Miller, Alderman Brill, Alderman Fiero, and Alderman Revelle. Alderman Winterland was absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Zach Knight, Donna Williams, Lloyd Friedli, Mike Beard, State Representative Dan Brady, Bill Elias and Dan Walker.

It was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Cole to accept the minutes of the June 13, 2011 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Revelle and seconded by Alderman Cole to approve the Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of bills in the sum of \$16,892.42. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Republican Dan Brady introduced himself and handed out businesses cards to the council and members of the public present. He is running for re-election and, under the new district maps, will be representing Lexington if he is re-elected.

Donna Williams informed the council about a Corvette show that will be passing through Lexington on July 10th. They will be driving Old Route 66 down I-39, through Towanda and up the Red Carpet Corridor. Donna plans to promote the town by handing out flyers and/or coupons for local businesses as they drive through town. She will be meeting with the Bike Way Committee about the condition/clean-up of Memory Lane.

Donna also inquired about her TIF request. Her total investment was \$15,620 and she is looking for whatever amount of money the council can give her to offset some the costs of the repairs. Alderman Winterland was not present to comment but Mayor Mohr explained that there is a small amount of money set aside for TIF grants such as these and that the rest of the money is earmarked for other projects. Mayor Mohr will speak with Alderman Winterland and this item will be discussed at the next meeting.

Zach Knight of Farnsworth Group presented the most recent progress report on sewer construction as follows: Pipe for home connections will begin to arrive in the next few weeks. Excavation for those connections should begin by the beginning of August. DIV A – Completion of the final punch list items are in the works. DIV B – Lift Stations- Site work is complete and the generators have been installed. The startup of the remaining four lift stations will follow as well as final punch list items. DIV C – Irrigation Forcemain-Testing of the forcemain, irrigation signs and monitoring well installing is still to come. DIV D – Focus is on yard and road restoration. Paving in the Timber Ridge subdivision is to begin this week. DIV E – They are currently working on Pine Street in the South area. Road replacement has commenced in the North and East areas. DIV F – Sunrise Ag has constructed both the North and South irrigation systems. Final tasks include startup/training on winterization.

Dan Walker with Jacob & Klein, Ltd. asked Mayor Mohr to set a public meeting regarding the TIF Amendment. The meeting will be held on Monday, July 18th @ 7:00pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to collect any input or feedback from residents regarding the proposed TIF Amendment. After that there will be a public hearing date set. There are nine parcels that want to be added to the TIF district. The TIF amendment could be completed by October 11th.

Old Business:

1. Water Ordinance Amendment for Partial Payments Clarification- The Council discussed the practice of allowing for partial water bill payments. Alderman Cole moved to discontinue the practice of allowing partial payments in favor of following the city code for water billing and to communicate to residents in July and August of the City's shut off intentions. The motion was seconded by Alderman Brill and passed unanimously. In order to inform the public, there will be a note in the next water bill and a notice online that the City will no longer accept partial payments beginning September 1, 2011. All bills must be brought current by then or the water service will be shut off.

2. Part-time Police Contract- Pat Murphy of Miller, Hall and Triggs and ICOPS still have not returned a final contract for the part-time police officers. This item will be carried over to the next meeting.

3. Property Purchase Chestnut Street- The Council discussed the idea of purchasing the small parcel at the southwest corner of Chestnut Street and the railroad tracks. This discussion was continued from the last meeting. Alderman Revelle does not agree with the city purchasing the land. He would rather see the owner apply for zoning variances which would allow an owner to build a small house that a small family could use. The Mayor Mohr suggested that the orientation of the railroad tracks, fiber optic utility easements and other required set-backs will make development difficult. The City has mowed the property and placed a lien on the property to recover the associated costs. The Mayor suggested that if the City is going to incur the costs associated with maintaining the parcel that maybe the City should just own and encourage development in more desirable locations in town. The Mayor indicated that he would contact the owner to discuss these opinions and ideas.

4. Kiwanis Planting at Stitcher Park- This item was carried over from the last meeting. The proposal brought to the Council by the Kiwanis Club is to create natural barrier between the park and Route 66 and to split the cost of plantings which are estimated at \$500. It was moved by Alderman Fiero and seconded by Alderman Revelle to split the costs of the plantings with Kiwanis Club. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Friedli discussed the possibility of having a group adopt the park for maintenance purposes in the future.

5. Appropriation and Anticipated Revenues Ordinance- It was moved by Alderman Revelle and seconded by Alderman Cole to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 2011-5. Motion carried unanimously. It was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Revelle to approve the Anticipated Revenues Resolution 2011-2. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CIRBN Participant Agreement- Central Illinois Regional Broadband Network presented Mayor Mohr with a formal written participant's agreement. This agreement would replace the

current internet service with a much faster internet service for CIRBN partners such as the fire department, a couple of churches, the community center, the school, the library and City Hall. Mayor Mohr looks at this as a way to improve the internet capabilities for City services like the Police Department. He has signed the Participation Agreement that was approved by the council at a previous meeting.

New Business:

Lateral Sewer Connection Charges for Multi-dwelling Parcels- The City Council must consider the billing practice for multi-dwelling parcels before committing to loans to finance the homeowner connection project. With regard to the trailer court and their 55+/- sewer connections, it is the advice of the engineers and the City staff, to bring the connection from the City's manhole to a point between park's sand filter and the adjacent tanks. This may require the trailer court owner to purchase an ejector pump. The owner of the trailer court wants to avoid being charged \$5.00 per month per trailer. The Health Department will allow the trailer court's tanks to remain in place until they begin to fail or require maintenance at which time the tanks will be required to be taken out of service and each trailer will have to connect to the sewer system. The owner of the trailer court knows it will be his responsibility in the future to pay for those connections and any associated collection network.

It was moved by Alderman Fiero and seconded by Alderman Cole to exempt the mobile home parcel from the sewer connection project and the associated fees. Motion passed unanimously. The council agreed that other multi-dwelling parcels should be charged per connection T rather than per dwelling.

It was moved by Alderman Revelle and seconded by Alderman Cole to base the proposed homeowner sewer connection fee, the cost of which is yet to be determined, on the number of service T's on each parcel, a minimum of one. Motion passed unanimously. In a few circumstances the City collector will need to meet with owners of multi-dwelling units to determine how they want the homeowner connection fee to be apportioned to each dwelling where there are multiple water bills issued for the parcel.

Motor Fuel Tax bid- Bill Elias received two bids, the lowest being \$36,896.50 from Benich Construction for sealing the streets with Motor Fuel Tax revenue. It was moved by Don Revelle and seconded by Alderman Brill to accept the low bid to perform the motor fuel work. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Mayor:-Regarding the TIF public meeting, Mayor Mohr anticipates that by the end of July he'll have a draft of the TIF Amendment to review with the council. After that, the council will have to work through a series of public hearings and joint review board meetings before the TIF amendment can be adopted. If everything goes as planned, the Ordinance will be brought to the council for consideration sometime in October.

The high school has approached Mayor Mohr to consider ways the City might help in the personal development of special needs students. The school counselors are looking for part-time jobs that will help students improve some work related skills that will allow them to move into

more structured program. Mayor Mohr wants the council to consider this proposal and will discuss further at the next meeting.

Police-Alderman Brill questioned whether or not to continue Police Committee meetings during the first Monday of every month. It was agreed that the meetings will continue to take place on the first meeting of every month but the time will change to 7:00pm.

Building/Insurance- Alderman Miller spoke to Alderman Fiero after the last meeting about the draft of the Knox box ordinance. Because Alderman Fiero has more experience preparing ordinances, she will work on the draft.

Finance/TIF- Alderman Winterland noted that there was a TIF meeting, Monday June 20th. The meeting was attended by Mayor Mohr, Alderman Winterland, Andy Schuler, Bruce Klein and Curt Nettles. The group discussed the EAV of the parcels being considered for the TIF amendment.

Water-None

Sanitation-None

Streets/Allys- Bill Elias noted that the bulk material storage bins have been poured at the wastewater treatment plant property. The yard waste drop off site has been moved farther to the east at the treatment plant property.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Fiero to adjourn at 9:38 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 7/19/2011