

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

August 8, 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 Fiero, Alderman Revelle and Alderman Winterland. Alderman Miller and Alderman Brill were absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Ted Cox, Jeannie M. Cox, Donna Williams, Charles Koch, Judy Peden, Pam Martin, Eva Ann (Kelley) Beasley, Charles Koch, Donna Good, Vivian Long, Edna Liming, Donald Liming, Tony _____*, June McCord, Wallace McCord, Mary Beth Wright, Dave Thomas, Susan L. Wright, William Keagle, Anne Taylor, Amber Keagle, Mike Keagle, Ray Tremblay, Kenneth _____*, Sigrunn Doran, Ken Doran, Ed Pyne, Judith Valente, Dan Walker, Linda Benedict, Leisa Friedmanky, Stephen Friedmanky, Bill Elias, and Billy DuBois. **Sign in sheet filed with these minutes.*

It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Cole to accept the minutes of the July 25, 2011 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Revelle to approve the Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of bills in the sum of \$72,886.31. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input- Bob Kohlhase, Farnsworth, provided an update regarding sewer construction and restoration work. All the pump stations are operational and the entire system is functional. Three of the pump stations are moving water up to the lagoon. With regard to the Waste Water Treatment Plant, there will be a few adjustments made and when there is enough water, the aeration system will kick on. There will be some final punch list items to be repaired. Div B-is complete and crews are currently working on restoration. Div E-Main line work will be completed by Thursday. Service connections are in progress and flowing smoothly.

Old Business:

1. Water Billing- As of August 31st, all water bills will be required to be paid in full. Any bills not brought current by September 15th will be turned off on September 16th. Leisa Friedmanky inquired whether or not the city has a plan in place for those who cannot pay their bills.

Alderman Fiero discussed a program through McLean County that may be able to help. Amber Keagle suggested taxpayers put together a fund in which they can make donations and residents in need can ask for assistance through the fund. Mayor Mohr also noted that Lexington Township may be able to provide assistance as well as local churches.

2. Water Ordinance- Changes included in the Water Ordinance are increasing the application for connection to the city water main to \$425, increasing the provision of meter and service appliances to \$150.00, an increase in the base water rate to \$.74 a gallon effective May 1, 2011, changing the minimum charge for customers outside city limits to \$1.48 per gallon with a minimum charge to read \$29.60, It was moved by Alderman Cole and seconded by Alderman Revelle to adopt Ordinance 2011-6, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 63 and Chapter 251 of the

Code of the City of Lexington for the Purpose of Modifying Water Rates and for the Purpose of Amending Certain Other Water Regulations. Motion carried unanimously. The City code provides for an annual water rate increase of 2.5% to manage inflation but the increases have been waived by the City Council for the past three years.

3. Knox Box Ordinance-Discussions on this matter have been tabled as discussed in the prior meetings minutes.

4. High School Coop Program- Ann Taylor, representing the school district, addressed the council looking for approximately 2 to 2 1/2 hours of work, for up to 5 days per week, for a student with learning and/or physical disabilities. Liability issues for the city were discussed but Ann noted that the student will be covered under school policies just like any other student leaving school grounds. As far as compensation, Ann says compensation is evaluated on a case by case basis depending on the business. It was moved by Alderman Fiero and seconded by Alderman Cole to participate in the coop program for the 2011-2012 school year beginning August 19, 2011. Motion carried unanimously. Compensation for the student will be determined at a later date pending budget review and successful work experience.

5. Linda Benedict-Alderman Fiero has reviewed the city's legal fees and agrees with Ms. Benedict that some of the charges may be unwarranted. Alderman Fiero feels the city should be done with this issue and move on, however, with two council members absent during this meeting, she feels nothing can be done to change the current council decision. It was moved by Alderman Fiero and seconded by Alderman Winterland to continue this discussion in closed session at the August 22, 2011 council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

6. North Park Subdivision Street Repair- The Street Committee met and made their recommendation to the contractor that they knock the washboard off, clean up the streets, spray patch and then apply a final A1 coat over the whole thing using an emulsion oil to help keep bleeding to a minimum. The possibility of using an asphalt overlay was also discussed but it was ultimately decided that this overlay was not necessary at this time. The contractor will bear the expense of this repair. Bob Kohlhas commented that future maintenance on those roads will require chip and oil like all the other streets in town.

New Business:

TIF Amendment #2- Dan Walker was present and addressed the council regarding the ongoing TIF Amendment. He asked that council members follow up on the petition from the landowners who are asking to be annexed as his office has yet to receive any of those petitions. Without the petitions the amendment cannot move forward at the proposed schedule.

Ordinance Establishing Public Hearing – TIF 2nd Amendment-Motion by Alderman Winterland and second by Alderman Revelle to adopt Ordinance 2011-7, an Ordinance to Establish Date for Public Hearing – TIF 2nd amendment. Motion carries with a vote of 4 yes and 1 abstain and 0 no votes.

Kenny's Restaurant TIF Grant Agreement- Part of the original agreement for the Kenny's TIF Grant was that the business needed to stay for a certain period of time. Kenny's only fulfilled half of that agreement. Alderman Winterland asks that the council enforce the TIF contract executed with Christie Collier without incurring any legal fees if possible. Mayor Mohr is asking the finance committee to reach out to the manager to discuss same.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: - Mayor Mohr noted that the Sewer Ordinance will need to be updated to reflect an application and permit fee for new construction.

Police-None

Building/Insurance-None

Finance/TIF- Alderman Winterland indicated that the owners of the Shake Shack are going to submit a request for a TIF grant, Willie Anderson has also submitted a TIF request, and Tom Stinde, Stinde Electric, has inquired about TIF money for a new office.

Water- None

Sanitation-None

Streets/Allys- Alderman Cole indicated that a question had been raised prior to the meeting about the condition of Morgan and Lee Streets and when those roads would be completed. Bill Elias commented that those streets will be handled within the next week or so.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Cole to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: *8/22/11*

SIGN-IN, PLEASE

Date: 8/8/11

- 1 Ted Cox
- 2 Jeannie M. Cox
- 3 Donna Williams
- 4 Charles Koch
- 5 Judy Reden
- 6 Pam Martin
- 7 Eva Ann (Kelley) Brasley
- 8 Charles A. Koch
- 9 Donna Good
- 10 VIVIAN LONG
- 11 Edna Fleming
- 12 Donald Fleming
- 13 Tony & Mada
- 14 June McCord
- 15 Wallace McCord
- 16 My Betty (Lt)
- 17 Dave Thomas
- 18 Susan L. Wright
- 19 William Keagle
- 20 Anne Taylor
- 21 Ambrose Keagle
- 22 ~~Mick~~
23. Ray Tremblay
- 24 Kenneth Romml
25. Sigurmond Goran
26. Ken Doran
27. Ed Pyne
28. Judith Valente
29. Dan Walker
30. Linda Bonfield
31. Lisa Friedman
32. Stephen Friedman