

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

November 14, 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, Alderman Revelle and Alderman Winterland. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Ryan Rich, Dacia Feit, Don Cavallini and Mike Beard.

It was moved by Alderman Fiero and seconded by Alderman Brill to accept the minutes of the October 24, 2011 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 \$90,878.16. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input- Dacia Feit, Lexington resident, is a member of the 2012 Leadership Mclean County program. As a participant she is required to attend a local city council meeting.

Old Business: 1. Police Department Business- (a) Police Chief's Report- Dave Schneider provided an update regarding last summer's residential burglaries. Both suspects were convicted, sentencing is pending. Dave is working with Alderman Brill on vehicle code violations and has made visits to homeowners encouraging them to correct the violations. Two have been cooperative. Dave also noted that he would be attending an all-day class in Springfield for electronic report filing. **(b) Code Violations-**Regarding the Oak Street address, Alderman Brill feels the building itself is in violation of City code and a follow up letter should be drafted once the Council has consensus of the desired outcome.

2. TIF Programs- Alderman Winterland presented the Finance Committee's recommendation for two separate TIF grant programs. The improvement program would be for tuck pointing, painting, lighting, and aesthetic improvements for existing buildings in the TIF district. The development program would be for new construction or adding onto a business which allows for an increase in the EAV, creates additional sales tax revenue or creates new jobs. There will be two different budgets for these programs. Applications will be required to be submitted by January 31st for the Improvement Program. The applications will be reviewed, ranked and debated by the City Council before any grants are awarded. Discussions centered on a need for consistency among the awards. Motion by Alderman Winterland and second by Alderman Revelle to adopt the proposed TIF Program Administration Guidelines effective November 14, 2011 through April 30, 2013. Motion carries unanimously.

3. Old Fire Station Rent/Lease Agreement- In Ryan Rich's quest to open a sports enhancement clinic in town, he ran into some liability insurance issues that he has since resolved and he's ready to move forward with a Lease Agreement. Mayor Mohr had previously received the Lease Agreement for review but had put it hold pending the outcome of the insurance question. There was discussion regarding the proposed rent and utility costs, however, no amounts was agreed upon. This item will be carried forward to the next meeting when the lease agreement can be reviewed, updated and revised.

4. Vacation of South Street between RR and Grove Street- Chuck Wright presented a written response to the Council's questions about the question to vacate a portion of South Street. Motion by Alderman Winterland and second by Alderman Miller to vacate the parcel to Chuck Wright and maintain the utility easement. A vote of 4 yes, 1 no and 2 abstain was recorded. The motion failed.

New Business:

Houses with no water service/sewer connection charges: It was recommended that these homes not be included in the homeowner connection program. Motion by Alderman Cole and second by Alderman Revelle to bypass and not connect homes to the sewer that don't have current water service and these homes will later be subject to a \$1,000 tap on fee, they will bear their own cost for the connection and will be subject to the prevailing sewer debt service surcharge and the volume base user fee once connected. Motion carried unanimously

Scrap metal collection: Some local entrepreneurs have been picking up the curbside scrap metal for salvage. This service is provided under our existing garbage and recycling contract. This item needs to be a part of future contract negotiations with the garbage collection company. Mayor has asked Alderman Fiero to discuss this topic with Allied Waster. The objective should be to provide a reliable service to the community.

Senior's turkey dinner: Motion by Alderman Winterland and second by Alderman Cole to pay for the senior's turkey dinner up to \$300. Motion carries unanimously.

Resolution Adopting Amendments to city of Lexington 457b Plan: Mayor Mohr would like to review the paperwork prior to adopting the resolution. This item will be carried over to the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: - None

Police-None

Building/Insurance- Alderman Miller was contacted by a local Boy Scout troop regarding the ripped American flag in the town square. They have asked for permission to decommission the flag and replace it with a new one. Council agreed.

Finance/TIF- None

Water- None

Sanitation-None

Streets/Allys- The lights in the shop have been replaced. New lights are much brighter. The entire building is going to get the same lights in the near future. The 36" tile along Bowery has arrived and installation should begin soon. Bill Elias has asked that a date be set for the city employee winter social. Bill received a list of available dates in January and February from Doris Baker.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Miller to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 11/28/2011