

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

November 28, 2011

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:33 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, Don Cavallini and Dave Schneider.

It was moved by Alderman Brill and seconded by Alderman Fiero to accept the minutes of the November 14, 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 \$218,098.68. Included in that sum was a \$180,000 payment to Mid Illinois Mechanical for sewer connections which is the 4th installment for the homeowner sewer installment program. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input- None

Old Business: Old Fire Station Rent/Lease Agreement- No action required. Ryan Rich has found another building in town that he will operate his sports enhancement business from.

New Business:

Clerk's FOIA/OMA Reminders: City Clerk, Melanie Kunkel, reminded Council members of the importance of taking the Open Meetings Act training. Melanie also discussed Freedom of Information Act points learned at a recent seminar.

Homeowner Sewer Connection Financing Proposal and Authorizing Ordinance: Mayor Mohr has received commitment letters from Commerce Bank and Heartland Bank for the balance of the homeowner connection project which is roughly \$1.2 million. The loan will be similar to a home equity line of credit. Mayor Mohr is currently awaiting Mike Tibbs' ordinance documents. This item will be carried over to the next meeting.

Resolution Adopting Amendments to City of Lexington 457b Plan: Motion by Alderman Revelle and second by Alderman Miller to adopt Resolution 2011-3 Adopting Amendments to the City of Lexington 457b Plan to comply with IRS regulations. The 457b Plan is an employee savings plan similar to a 401K. The City does not make contributions to the plan. There is no cost to the City as a result of the changes to the plan language. Motion carries unanimously.

2011 Employee Bonus Program: The history of the city is to pay each employee a stipend based on tenure with the city. Last year all employees were paid a flat \$750.00 bonus minus payroll taxes. Mayor Mohr is recommending a similar or slightly higher bonus for this year. Alderman Cole noted that the employees all have worked very hard over the past year with regard to the sewer project and have gone above and beyond to help save the city money. A motion was made by Alderman Cole and seconded by Alderman Revelle to award and pay a \$1,000 bonus minus withholdings to each full time employee. Motion carried unanimously.

Part Time Police Officer Salary Schedule: Mayor Mohr asked the council to adopt a salary increase schedule for the part time police officers and has also made a note to make sure next year's budget reflects lost time when Dave Schneider is not working. Motion by Alderman Winterland and second by Alderman Revelle to adopt the new part time police officer salary schedule effective the first pay period in January. Motion carries unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: - With regard to the Mid Illinois Mechanical sewer connections, to date there have been four pay requests and the city has spent approximately \$751,000. Currently 249 homes have been connected and 21,517 feet of pipe has been installed which is 291 feet over what the city had planned by about 1.5%. The EDC is having their annual one voice trip March 6-8th. The cost is \$1,550 should any council member wish to attend. The December 2nd meeting for the Planning Commission has been posted. This meeting is to consider rezoning two properties recently annexed near the I55 interchange. Dave Jenkins has provided a list of building permits. Two new homes are under construction in Meadow Ridge and contractors are well underway on the Brandt seed storage building at the north end of town. Dave Jenkins spoke with Don Adams of Farnsworth with regard to Chaney's proposed subdivision questions and they are working on a preliminary subdivision plan to present to the Planning Commission. Preliminary drawings will be available this week.

Police- Dave Schneider has been following up on the vehicle code violations.

Building/Insurance- None

Finance/TIF- Several grant requests have been submitted. Alderman Winterland scheduled a Finance Committee meeting for December 1st at 4:30 to discuss the grant requests. Sara Compton has published the two TIF program documents and the new TIF district map to the website. Alderman Winterland spoke to Dan Walker about sprucing up the economic development page. Winterland to investigate websites of other towns such as McComb, Quincy and Monticello for ideas.

Water- None

Sanitation- Alderman Fiero heard from Dan Winter at Allied Waste regarding the scrap metal collection being carried on by local entrepreneurs. The individual contracted by Allied to remove scrap metal has not complained. Allied does not guarantee him a certain amount each month so they do not feel this is an issue.

Streets/Allys- Alderman Revelle noted that the drainage tile on Bowery Street is rapidly approaching completion.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Winterland to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 12/12/2011