

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

July 9, 2012

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 Winterland and Alderman Brill. Alderman Revelle was absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel and Don Cavallini.

The approval of the June 25, 2012 council meeting minutes will be carried over to the next meeting due to a technical problem with the electronic file.

It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Brill to approve the Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$130,224.64 which includes a \$113,000 invoice for Mid Illinois Mechanical, for sewer connections, that had been held back from the last meeting. This was their June pay request and was held back because the city had just received the receipts from the IEPA and had to reconcile funds and review the contract. Mayor Mohr wanted to make sure that additional money from the Heartland Bank loan was not needed to pay this invoice. Mid Illinois has reached 65,000 feet which was the estimate in the original contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input- None

Old Business:

Police Department Business: Chief Dave Schneider was absent but Alderman Brill spoke on his behalf. Dave is looking for an ordinance violation fine of \$150 to be imposed for under aged drinking. Mayor Mohr will speak to city attorney, Mike Tibbs, to draft an ordinance similar to what The Town of Normal uses. Alderman Brill noted Dave has continued to enforce the vehicle ordinance violations. Mayor Mohr has been pushing code enforcement officer, Dave Jenkins, to send a second abatement letter to Virginia Grady regarding her property.

New Business:

Althouse TIF Request: Mayor Mohr received a call from Mr. Althouse asking for help with the repair of his building on Main Street. Mayor is asking the council for their opinion. Alderman Winterland feels Mr. Althouse's request would fall under the improvement portion of TIF program; however, Mr. Althouse missed the deadline in January for that application. Alderman Winterland's recommendation is to encourage him to apply in January so as to keep the application process fair. Mayor feels the city has used up the funds allotted for this year and any funds used to help Mr. Althouse would come from the TIF fund reserves. Alderman Winterland will speak with Mr. Althouse and encourage him to apply in January.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Regarding the search for a new city collector, Mayor has circulated a survey to 25 applicants. Of the 25 applicants, nine were chosen for interviews which occurred today. Applicants were interviewed by the Mayor and then spent some time with current collector, Margaret Quinley. At the end of the day Mayor asked Margaret to narrow the nine applicants down to the top four she felt would be a good fit. In the end both Mayor and Margaret agreed on the top four candidates.

Police: None

Building/Insurance: Marty Ryan has contacted Alderman Miller and they would like to proceed with the purchase of the Old Wooden Hare building. Mayor Mohr instructed Alderman Miller to proceed with obtaining an appraisal.

Finance/TIF- None

Water- None

Sanitation- Doug received a letter from Solid Waste of McLean County for a grant request to offset recycling costs.

Streets/Allys- None

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Winterland to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 7/24/2012