

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

November 26, 2012

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:34 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 Higgins, Alderman Miller, Alderman Brill, and Alderman Revelle. Alderman Winterland was absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Don Cavallini, Roger Tucker and Rhys Tucker.

It was moved by Alderman Miller and second by Alderman Revelle to approve the November 12, 2012 council minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Revelle and seconded by Alderman Brill to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$40,664.65. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input- Roger Tucker thanked the council for forgiving the sewage fees when he recently had a water leak resulting in a large water bill.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Mayor attended the Sherriff's sale for the Susan Wright property. The only other person at the Sherriff's sale was a representative for the bank who holds the note. The property sold for \$37,734.94. Mayor called the Mayor of Normal regarding an ad in the Lexingtonian regarding the replacement of some baseball field lighting. Mayor inquired about the old lights for our use here in town. The Mayor of Normal indicated the lights were affixed to old wooden poles which are available. Mayor studied the financial report after six months and a call into the county treasurer showed 100% of TIF disbursements have been made. The city has collected \$12,000 less than what had been budgeted for and the decrease is believed to be as a result of a property tax assessment appeals. Sales tax receipts are ahead of budge as the city has received almost 60% of receipts during the first six months. That does not include Dollar General and Subway contributions as there is usually a 3 month lag in reporting. Part time police salaries are running almost one 8 hour shift ahead of budget each month. Mayor asked Alderman Brill to work with Dave Schneider on keeping track of that. Mayor forwarded a copy of the demolition proposals from Jeremy R. Hafley for the properties located at 114 and 116 Cedar Street. The total of the two proposals was \$20,000 which includes any and all asbestos removal. Mayor also noted there is some work the city can do such as filling in the hole, grading and seeding the lots to reduce the amount of the current estimates. This item will be added to the next agenda for consideration. Mayor received an email from the school regarding Zach Mason. The email thanked the city for providing Zach an opportunity to gain work experience over the past year. Dec 3rd is Zach's last day under the school program. Mayor has been approached by Zach's parents asking for him to be added to the staff permanently. Alderman Cole expressed some concern with operating some machinery but feels Zach has done a good job learning to read meters and other tasks. This item will be added to the next agenda. Alderman Cole expressed an interest in purchasing something for Sue Vincent for all the hours she has volunteered at City

Hall. Officer Josh Dingler issued two ordinance violations for drug and/or drug paraphernalia possession. He brought them in the office, called their parents and issued them each a \$350 fine. Mayor received a note from city attorney, Mike Tibbs, regarding resident, John Brown's sewer backup. The attorney's opinion is that it is not the city's responsibility to reimburse State Farm. He did recommend sending the claim to Risk Management so they are aware of the issue. Dave Schneider set up some equipment to broadcast Christmas music out onto Main Street.

Police: None

Building/Insurance: Alderman Miller noted that the meeting with the health insurance representative was cancelled because no employees would be present. Alderman Miller and Alderman Winterland spoke with Caroline Bird regarding the complaint by her current tenants. Caroline was very upset about the complaint. Alderman Miller asked if the city could help facilitate the ultimate sale of the property. Alderman Winterland prepared a letter summarizing their conversation. Alderman Miller is asking the council for suggestions on helping to ease the tensions between Caroline Bird and her tenants. Mayor indicated that the owners of the tanning salon have looked into moving their business to another site here in town. Alderman Miller's concern with enforcing the ordinance violation is that Caroline will do the bare minimum to fix the building and, in turn, would increase the rent or purchase price of the building and drive out any the tenants or future buyers. Mayor recommends that the tanning salon owners commission an agent or attorney of their own to write up an offer and present it to Caroline. Council agrees. Mayor offered to help Alderman Miller speak with the tanning salon owners. Alderman Brill brought up the condition of the property surrounding the old Wooden Hare building. Council members agree that the property needs to be cleaned up but cannot agree on a course of action.

Finance/TIF: None

Water: None

Sanitation: None

Streets/Allys: None

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Higgins to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 12/10/2012