

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

February 25, 2013

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:35 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 Winterland and Alderman Brill. Alderman Revelle was absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Mike Beard, Donna Williams and Christopher Phelps.

It was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Cole to approve the February 11, 2013 council minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Brill to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$118,662.25. This amount includes a final payment of \$99,715 to Heartland Bank for the homeowner sewer connection financing. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Input:** Donna Williams addressed the council regarding the Red Carpet Corridor coming up in May. She showed the council the new brochures and noted that the event will take place at Mounce Automotive again this year. There will be additional tent space this year. Donna noted that although she is over budget, she is still seeking donations from area businesses. She also asked about the clean-up of "Memory Lane". She has emailed the Ag class and asked for help giving "Memory Lane" a facelift by repainting signs and putting everything back where it was originally. There was no opposition from the council.

### **Old Business:**

**Payment to Heartland Bank-Homeowner Sewer Connection Project Loan:** The payment indicated above was the final payment for this loan. Mayor wanted to revisit the \$6.00 per household sewer connection fee being assessed to residents. Alderman Winterland and Alderman Brill feel this fee was originally designed to be charged to each resident monthly over the course of 20 years as a means to repay the city for connecting the homes to the sewer. They feel it should remain as was originally designed. Alderman Cole feels the city should revisit this issue yearly depending upon the operational costs of the waste water treatment plant. At some point he feels the city may be in a position to reduce the cost of this fee in exchange for a different fee needed to recoup costs for other infrastructure.

### **New Business:**

**Devore Landscaping Bid for Monument:** At the February 11, 2013 meeting, Mike Beard circulated a bid by Devore Landscaping on behalf of the Methodist Church for materials to cleanup and re-landscape the city monument. Employees of Devore Landscaping as well as members of the Methodist Church will provide the manpower. Mayor voiced his concern about the amount of plant material being recommended and feels the future upkeep would be more than what is anticipated. Upkeep is a common concern echoed by the council. Motion by Alderman Cole and second by Alderman Winterland to approve the landscaping bid by Devore Landscaping at \$1,700. Motion carries unanimously.

**Street Improvement Discussion- 2013/14 MFT Projects:** Mayor was hoping to encourage the Street Committee to get together and work on a list of projects they'd like to see completed for 2013/2014. He asked Bill Elias to meet with MSA and Farnsworth and get recommendations from them for projects they feel are more pressing than others. Both companies have yet to make any recommendations. Mike Beard's recommendations are fixing certain portions of Cherry Street. Alderman Miller would like to see something done about the drainage issue at the curve where Pine and Chatham meet. The Mayor encouraged the Street Committee to call a meeting to discuss ideas and bring a list back to the council.

**Shared Cost of Flag Replacement on Main Street:** Alderman Cole has no information at this point in time as the Legion has not had their meeting. This item will be forwarded to the next council meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

**Mayor:** Mayor informed the council of the announcement of Wirtz Beverage Illinois choosing Lexington over Bloomington as their location for building their new distribution center.

**Police:** -None

**Building/Insurance:** -None

**Finance/TIF:** Alderman Winterland issued a reminder that preparation of the budget is coming up. He also noted that the finance committee needs to meet to discuss the TIF grant requests.

**Water:** -None

**Sanitation:** None

**Streets/Alleys:** -None

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Winterland to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 3/11/2013