

## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL**

October 28, 2013

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor John 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 Johansen, Alderman Miller, Alderman Phelps, Alderman Revelle and Alderman Brill. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Sue Noland, Bob Kohlhasse, Zach Knight, Donna Williams, Don Cavallini, Sheryl Clark, Grant Clark, Donna Brahl, Mary Beth Wright, Eli Tobin, Grace Tobin, Tracy Tobin, Crystal Walker, Crysta Walker, Mike Beard and Billy DuBois.

It was moved by Alderman Brill and seconded by Alderman Johansen to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2013 council meeting and the September 27, 2013 police committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Phelps and second by Alderman Miller to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$33,624.89. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Input:** Donna Williams spoke about the Red Carpet Corridor meeting she attended in October. The Red Carpet Corridor will take place May 3-4, 2014. They are asking the council to approve moving the event to Memory Lane and making it smaller in order to draw more attendees. There is a website to help promote the event. It is [www.kickon66sale.com](http://www.kickon66sale.com). In lieu of tents she is looking to use the rental money to build mini replica buildings from around the town that can be housed on Memory Lane year round. The tractor show will no longer be a part of the Red Carpet Corridor and will take place June 7<sup>th</sup>. Any questions can be sent to Donna Williams at [barn5388@route24.net](mailto:barn5388@route24.net).

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

**Water Plant Feasibility Study Report:** Bob Kohlhasse and Zach Knight of Farnsworth Group presented a Phase 1 Water Infrastructure Improvements Project Planning report to council members. This phase was to gain focus on water treatment plant options for the city. The plans will eventually be submitted to the EPA with a loan application to fund an upgrade in treatment plant. The EPA has to approve the plan before moving forward. Motion by Alderman Cole and second by Alderman Johansen to accept Farnsworth's Phase 1 proposal and request a proposal for a final planning report that can be submitted to the EPA. Mayor noted that the entire amount to pay for the first feasibility study was budgeted for this year. Motion carried unanimously.

**Halloween Trick or Treat Hours:** Mayor would like thank Sara Compton for all her hard work putting the city's Halloween party together. This year's party goes on record as having the most attendees ever.

**303 and 305 W. Main Street Demolition Specifications and Advertisements:** Mayor is asking the council to allow Farnsworth to draw up demolition specifications in order to prepare advertisements for contractors. Having these specifications drawn up in advance will allow the project to move forward immediately after the redevelopment agreement (RDA) is accepted and signed. No advertisement will be released at this point nor will contractors be hired. This is just a planning ahead. Motion by Alderman Brill and second by Alderman Phelps to contract with Farnsworth to create demolition specifications and bid advertisements for the 303 and 305 W. Main Street properties. Alderman Phelps asked about items being removed from the building prior to demolition. Bob Kohlhasse noted that communication between those parties, the city and the contractors is key prior to demolition so those items can be removed. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor then asked the council if anyone had any questions regarding or changes to the proposed RDA he circulated earlier in the week. There were none.

**Lindenbaum and Ross Complaint:** Mayor received another letter from Mr. Lindenbaum regarding the situation with his neighbor. Now that the EDP paperwork is complete with IDOT, Mayor is asking the council for direction for going to IDOT and asking for jurisdiction over the right a way between the properties and the Lane so the city can maintain the right a way and the street. Mayor would write the letter to IDOT asking for a jurisdictional transfer. Motion by Alderman Brill and second by Alderman Johansen to seek jurisdictional transfer from IDOT for the right a way and the lane. Motion carried unanimously.

**Animal Control Administrator:** Mayor is looking for a council member to act as administrator for animal control issues or if this item should be handled by the police. Alderman Johansen noted that any animal bite should be processed by the police and filed through EGIS. He noted that he spoke with an individual at the courthouse who agreed to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lexington to prosecute dog bite cases. Alderman Phelps feels the processing of letters and fines should continue to be handled by the police department.

**Route 66 Bikeway Representative:** There is a committee for the Route 66 Bikeway that meets 5-6 times per year and they consider improvements along the Route 66 trail. Some members work to maintain the trees, watering and fertilization. They make recommendations to the city for certain improvement items to the trail. Alderman Brill has been a part of this committee and with his impending move; Mayor is looking to have a council member step into his place. Alderman Phelps volunteered to be the representative for the city.

**Goal Worksheets for Each Employee:** Mayor previously handed out employee goal worksheets to each of the committee chairs and asked them to review the employees' goals. Mayor asked the chairs to emphasize the importance of staying within their allotted budgets. Alderman Phelps clarified that the council agreed last year that the goals set are a basis for employee performance and future pay increases may be based on that performance. Mayor noted an example in City Collector, Star Torkelson, a goal she set that she be the lead contact for the CIRBN network. She met the goal and exceeded it by getting the city's network switched over to CIRBN, and setting up network security.

**Streetscape Proposal:** There are a couple landscaping areas the Mayor would like to see taken care of and he circulated a map whereby he highlighted some those areas. He'd like the council to consider tying these areas together with the same type of plant material that will look nice year round. This topic will be revisited in the future.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Mayor:** Mayor conducted negotiations with Doug Hanrahan at Wirtz regarding the sharing of the IDOT EDP road improvement cost sharing funds. The details are being reviewed by the rest of the Wirtz Realty team. Alderman Cole asked about Andy Torkelson for construction inspector. Andy has not taken his tests yet but is trying to get his son through cancer treatments, which are wrapping up, at which time he will take the necessary tests to be a licensed inspector.

**Police:** Alderman Phelps noted that the police department reluctantly delivered the ordinance violation fine to Ernie Swartz.

**Building/Insurance:** -None

**Finance/TIF:** -None

**Water:** None

**Sanitation:** None

**Streets/Alleys:** Alderman Brill noted that the street department has pretty much gotten their work done before winter. He still feels the city should pave the entrance to the sewer plant as soon as possible.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Johansen and seconded by Alderman Miller to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 11/11/2013