

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL
March 24, 2014

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:33 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 Johansen, Alderman Miller, Alderman Revelle, Alderman Phelps and Alderman Fosen. Alderman Cole was absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Angie Groth, Lucy Loper, Zack Holt and Carole Miller.

It was moved by Alderman Fosen and second by Alderman Miller to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2014 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Revelle and second by Alderman Fosen to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$17,233.53. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Donna Williams provided the council with a copy of the artwork for the Memory Lane billboard. She is also looking to get sponsors whose names will appear at the bottom of the sign. Council members were happy with the sign but would prefer not to add sponsor names to the bottom as they feel it could cause a maintenance issue in the future if businesses come and go.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Lexington Library: Zach Holt, director for the Lexington Library, addressed the council, regarding some of the statistical data regarding the library. He noted that in the past year the library has had 16,000 people come through their doors, over 27,000 book and periodical loans, there are 1,164 active library cards, four adult programs with 163 attendees; most of which centered around book clubs. They have over 250 attendees in seven children's programs and they have been adopting some common core principals to work with the school. There is a youth advisory board helping to spearhead activities and manifest interest in the teenage age group. The summer reading program this year will be animal themed and will be in cooperation with CISAR Animal Shelter. Council members asked questions regarding how the eBook system works. The library's current operating budget is estimated at \$152,000 and they are currently open 47 hours a week.

Committee Assignments: Mayor circulated a committee assignment sheet assigning council members to the various committees as listed below. Motion by Alderman Phelps and second by Alderman Fosen to accept the committee assignments and appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

City Hall Cleaning Schedule: Mayor noted that prior to Zach Mason cleaning city hall, the city employees contributed to keeping city hall clean. He created a cleaning schedule with a list of "To Do" items. Each employee was assigned a color and inserted onto the monthly calendars one day a week to get the list done. Mayor recommends using the existing staff over hiring/paying an outside cleaning person or company. Motion by Alderman Miller and second by

Alderman Fosen to accept the cleaning schedule as presented. Alderman Johansen feels this type of schedule should be discussed with all city employees before implementing. Motion carries but both Alderman Revelle and Alderman Phelps agree with Alderman Johansen that this should be discussed with all employees before implementation.

Closed Session under Section 2(c)(1): Motion by Alderman Phelps and second by Alderman Miller to enter into closed session under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act at 8:10 pm.

Council returned to regular session at 9:25p.m.

Motion by Alderman Miller and second by Alderman Phelps to resume monthly committee meetings, communicate performance related issues with the staff as determined by the committees, and remind the staff not to use city equipment for personal business. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Workshop: A budget meeting will be held Saturday, April 5th 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: McLean County Regional Planning Commission: Mayor contacted them to publish the storm sewer, water mains and sanitary sewer additions since the last update. **McLean County Leadership Group:** Mayor participated in a panel discussion with this group. **Jaycee Hall:** Any other items employees want to salvage before demolition should be directed to Coleman Salvage and Demolition. There is a week of work for Coleman inside the building beginning March 26th before outside demolition can begin. **Budget:** City Collector, Star Torkelson, Bill Elias and Mike Beard are working on their budget numbers. **Main Street property:** Mike Tibbs is negotiating contracts regarding these properties. **TIF:** A pay request is being submitted to collect an additional \$400,000 from IDOT. **Trail Ridge Subdivision:** The water main is staked and pipe has been laid out. After the water main is tested, lots and streets can be graded. **New Water Treatment Plant:** Plans for the water treatment plant paperwork are being prepared for the council's consideration. **ICOPS:** A letter was received regarding an unfair labor practice complaint. **City's Liability Insurance:** Mayor met with a company called Gallagher who specializes in liability insurance and they will provide an alternate quote for liability insurance which is currently held through IMLRMA. **Other Demolition:** The garage formerly owned by Harvey Wilder, now owned by Carey Davis near Walnut and Spencer Street, is scheduled for demolition April 6th.

Police: Alderman Phelps noted that two citations were issued for the month, one ordinance violation, and there was another dog bite.

Building/Insurance: Alderman Miller received a call from a resident about the city tearing up her yard with snow removal this winter.

Finance/TIF: Alderman Fosen worked out a plan with Star to categorize medical expenses by family rather than itemization by individual.

Water: None

Sanitation: Star reported to Alderman Johansen that there have been several complaints about the garbage being missed during pick up. Alderman Johansen will call Allied Waste.

Streets/Alleys: Alderman Revelle has driven streets with Bill Elias and they have noted there are many streets in very poor condition; especially where sewer installations have occurred. Alderman Revelle asked Bill to fill some of the cracks with tar to prevent further damage. Council would also like to see Bill do his spray patch work earlier this year.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Johansen to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 4/14/2014