

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

April 28, 2014

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:35 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 Revelle, Alderman Phelps and Alderman Fosen. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Mike Beard, Don Cavallini, Bill Elias, Zachary mason and Sue Noland.

It was moved by Alderman Fosen and second by Alderman Miller to approve the minutes of the April 14, 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 \$98,409.98. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Zach Mason noted that there are some kids down by the creek near the trailer park where trees were planted. He would like the council to consider erecting a no trespassing sign to keep them out of there. Mayor noted that the council will discuss it.

City Clerk, Melanie Kunkel, asked city employees to notify Star of street closings for repairs and boil water orders in the future so she can post same to the city's Facebook page in an attempt to better serve the community.

Old Business:

Sept 6 Street Closings: Carry forward to next meeting.

Red Carpet Corridor Review: Donna Williams had asked to be placed on the agenda to provide the council with an update on the Red Carpet Corridor; however, she was unable to make the meeting.

New Business:

Fireside Façade Projects: The owners of the Fireside have reached out to the Mayor looking to do so renovation to the front of the building via replacing the paneling with some windows as well as adding some outdoor seating. They are looking to the city for some financial help but do not have solid figures at this point. They also expressed concern about parking due to the demolition construction. Mayor is suggesting posting a sign in front of the barricades indicating where patrons can find parking. Mayor asked council for help in locating a sign similar to the one out in front of the Shake Shack. Alderman Johansen volunteered to help locate a sign and will get back to the council with his findings.

MFT Resolution: Street Superintendent, Bill Elias, produced an estimate for street maintenance costs. The estimate to pave the municipal parking lot is substantially less than originally predicted; Bill would like to create an addendum to the MFT Resolution at the next meeting to add an additional \$10,000 for sidewalk concrete. With the remaining budgeted amount for paving the parking lot, Bill would like to resurface Vine Street. By structuring the money this

way, it would add no additional cost to what was original budgeted. Motion by Alderman Revelle and second by Alderman Johansen to approve the MFT Resolution with an anticipated amendment to come in the amount of \$10,500 that reallocates the general fund sidewalk project. Motion carries unanimously.

Vine Street Resurfacing Project: Handled above.

Municipal Lot Paving Project: This item will be held until a Redevelopment Agreement is reached with Bill Chaney for the construction of his apartment buildings on the adjacent lots.

New Public Works Truck Purchase: \$60,000 was budgeted for the purchase of a new vehicle for the public works department. Mike Beard noted the total cost will be under \$45,000 with a dump bed and plow. Motion by Alderman Cole and second by Alderman Miller to approve the new public works truck purchase up to \$44,000. Motion carries unanimously.

B. DuBois Compensation: Billy presented a list of responsibilities to council members for review. Alderman Cole spoke with Alderman Miller, Alderman Fosen and the Mayor about increasing Billy's pay by \$1.50 per hour on top of the 2% increase budgeted for this fiscal year. Alderman Cole noted that Mike is not that far away from retiring and will need a replacement when he leaves. He feels Billy should be that person. Motion by Alderman Cole and second by Alderman Miller to increase Billy DuBois' salary by \$1.50 per hour and promote Billy to Water Superintendent. Motion carries unanimously.

Main Street Beautification Proposal: Alderman Phelps and city collector, Star Torkelson, prepared a booklet with planters and garbage cans to beautify Main Street. Some of the cans would contain both garbage and recycle and they have contacted Allied to see if they'd be willing to empty those recycling cans as they drive down Main Street. There are also some planters and hangers for flowers. Alderman Phelps is proposing that True Value provide the flowers and plantings every year and Dan McDaniels will care for the plants. Dan currently maintains plants in the summer but is asking for additional money to take on the additional watering. Alderman Revelle recommends keeping the current garbage cans as he feels they are not very old and are in good condition. Motion by Alderman Phelps and second by Alderman Fosen to accept the proposal for the total cost of approximately \$8,600 to purchase planters and garbage receptacles with the old receptacles being repurposed elsewhere in town. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Kemp's Upper Tap: Jon showed Mayor a crude drawing of a two story building the same size as the two buildings being torn down with a brick façade and large windows in the front. **Vacant Lots and Parkway Acquisition:** Mayor did receive a draft RDA for Bill Chaney's proposed apartment buildings and an agreement for purchase for the Parkway house.

Police: Alderman Phelps noted that there have been some verbal requests of some Main Street business to clean up the front of their businesses. He noted that at least one of the business owners is not happy with the verbal warning. Ron Anderson was given a verbal warning regarding living in a camper outside Anderson Corner after residents in the area complained. Alderman Cole asked Alderman Phelps to write a letter to Mr. Koch asking him to clean up the alley after the auction is over.

Building/Insurance: Alderman Miller addressed a resident voicing concern that the ambulance and fire service is not receiving additional funds due to the TIF district.

Finance/TIF: Alderman Fosen also noted that he has received concerns from residents pertaining to the ambulance/fire department as well. He echoed their sentiments.

Water: None

Sanitation: None

Streets/Alleys: McLean County Asphalt has done a great job with road repairs and Mayor complimented Bill Elias for working to get those streets done early so the city can take stock in other street projects. Alderman Revelle noted that he has received compliments from residents about how nice the road repairs are.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Johansen to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 4/28/2014