

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL
May 12, 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 Cole, Alderman Johansen, Alderman Miller, Alderman Revelle, and Alderman Fosen. Alderman Phelps was absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Sue Noland, Josh Martin, Cody Ketelson, Donna Williams, Helen Leak, Mark Kudrys, and Bill Elias.

It was moved by Alderman Fosen and second by Alderman Johansen to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2014 council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Fosen and second by Alderman Revelle to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$87,463.46. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Old Business:

Red Carpet Corridor Update: Donna Williams provided the council with an update from the Red Carpet Corridor. They are still working on the outcome of the budget. She indicated the food services did well and were pleased with the outcome as did the children's tent. Donna noted that Police Chief, Dave Schneider, was in and out all weekend providing security and feels they won't need him for as many hours next year. Scott Keiser generously donated his time as the DJ. She is asking the city to move the city wide garage sales to the weekend before or after next year's event so those individuals having garage sales can be involved in the event. Mayor asked Donna to coordinate that change with Sara Compton as she handles the garage sales scheduling. Mayor thanked Donna Williams and Helen Leake for all of their hard work and volunteerism.

Donna noted that there are gas fumes coming from a floor drain in the auction house bathroom she feels starts when the Fireside opens for business. Mayor and some in attendance noted that she should pour about a gallon of water down the drain and that the problem may be a dried up drain trap. Donna also asked that she be considered for input with the community beautification committee. Mayor noted that Alderman Phelps and City Collector, Starlette Torkelson, are currently collaborating to beautify Main Street and told Donna that she is welcome to talk with Star about any ideas she has.

Meadow Ridge Park Update: Cody Ketelson and Josh Martin, on behalf of the Lexington Jaycees, presented a conceptual drawing for a playground being erected out in Meadow Ridge. Josh noted that a request to provide a 75' setback for a future parking lot is included in the conceptual drawing. There will be a play set geared towards small children and a separate play set for older children. They have an individual who has agreed to donate an entire basketball court with hoops and pavement. In addition to donations from the Jaycees and the city, they are looking for corporate donations. They also indicated that they will ask for the community's help to build. There will be no lights so the park can be closed at night but they are asking the city to possibly run water to that location to provide for a drinking fountain. Alderman Fosen has asked

that park hours be posted and that if the community comes forward in the future and says there is a need for a parking lot, the city be willing to step up and take care of that. Mayor asked that their build be considerate of long term care and maintenance. Motion by Alderman Fosen and second by Alderman Revelle to approve the \$15,000 budget line item earmarked for this project and approve the concept plan presented by the Jaycees. Motion carried unanimously.

MFT Resolution Amendment: Bill Elias provided a supplemental amendment to the MFT Resolution in the amount of \$11,500 as was discussed at the previous meeting. Motion by Alderman Revelle and second by Alderman Cole to approve the MFT Resolution Amendment in the amount of \$11,500. Motion carried unanimously.

Fireside Façade Project: Mark Kudrys, part owner of the Fireside, was in attendance to discuss with the council their vision in enhancing the façade of the Fireside. They are looking to do some tuck pointing on the brick, some store front windows on the front of the restaurant, paint trim and provided some outdoor seating with a removable iron fence. All of these items were requested by patrons in an in-house survey they have at the restaurant. He provided the council with a concept drawing of their vision. They have obtained a bid from Elliot Sedgwick and anticipate approximately \$8,000 for the windows. He is asking the council for permission to move forward with obtaining additional bids as well as seeking the council's approval to erect a removable rod iron fence on the sidewalk to accommodate some outdoor seating. He is looking to serve alcohol outside but feels it is negotiable. Council indicated support for outdoor seating but would like him to provide the council with definitive cost for the project and a total of how much he is looking for by of TIF money.

Grady Property: Property located south of the pool. The house has been demolished but there is still some debris left on the property. As of now there is no update. Alderman Johansen volunteered to contact her regarding her intentions for the use of the property and cleaning up the existing debris.

New Business:

Lexington Relief Foundation – Street Closing: Jim Johnson started a relief foundation to help people who slip thru the cracks of the food banks and folks who are in between jobs. He is looking to do a street dance in conjunction with DAT Bar and a beer wagon with all proceeds being donated to the Lexington Relief Foundation. He is looking to close Main Street from the city parking lot down in front of DAT Bar on September 6th from approximately 6 pm to midnight. Alderman Cole asked that the bank's drive thru be excluded from the street closure. Mayor asked Jim to speak with the police department to make sure they have adequate security that evening. Motion by Alderman Johansen and second by Alderman Cole to allow the Lexington Relief Foundation to close Main Street Sept 6th from approximately 5:30 pm to midnight.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Mayor asked a council member to volunteer to follow up with demolition and building permits to make sure they are being handled properly. Alderman Johansen volunteered to be that person. The situation between Mr. Lindenbaum and Mr. Ross is out of control. Mayor contacted city attorney, Mike Tibbs, who indicated the city's responsibility is only to enforce ordinance violations. Mayor notified both parties to call the police when either has an issue. **Parkway**

House: The city does have a contract for purchase and is still waiting for clear title work. The closing could be as early as this week. Because it is not on the agenda to bring to the council for vote on demolition, it will be on a future agenda. **Commerce Bank lot:** The city's acquisition of this lot is proving difficult because of the lack of an EPA certification showing that the property is clean. Mayor is working with the city attorney to figure this out. **BC Investments RDA:** The RDA from Bill Chaney has been circulated and reviewed by council members who have provided the mayor with feedback. Mr. Chaney is taking those changes to his attorney and is looking to get everything wrapped up so the RDA approval can happen at the next council meeting. **Coleman Demolition and Kemp's Upper Tap update:** There is a structural engineer who is looking at the wall on the post office for structural integrity. After the demo process is done, the city's remaining portion of the process is to transfer title of the lot to Jon Kemp. **EDP Funding:** The city is still waiting for an additional \$600,000-\$800,000 worth of grant money. **ICOPS:** They have filed a grievance after the city tried to clean up the current roster and let go of any part time police officers that have not worked for six months or more. One of those part time officers is claiming to have been on military leave during the times he could have been scheduled for a shift. This grievance will be going to mediation. **Easements:** There are some easements Mayor is working on in conjunction with the new Water Treatment Plant. The site will be approximately 3-4 acres. **FOIA Request:** The city has received a FOIA request from Rick Althouse for all minutes containing his and/or his wife's name as well as a copy of the RDA for the Jaycee Hall.

Police: There is a Police Committee meeting scheduled for Friday, May 16th at 3:30.

Building/Insurance: None

Finance/TIF: None

Water: None

Sanitation: None

Streets/Alleys: None

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: 5/26/2014