

MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

June 7, 2014

The meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 8:00 a.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 Miller, Alderman Johansen, Alderman Revelle, Alderman Phelps and Alderman Fosen. Alderman Cole was absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel and Mike Beard.

It was moved by Alderman Fosen and second by Alderman Phelps to approve the minutes from the May 26, 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 \$201,671.32. Of that total, \$152,000 is an invoice to Coleman for the demolition work at the Jaycee Hall site and a change order, on that project, for additional asbestos removal. Mayor noted that he has compared last year's budget/income projections with the actual year-end results on April 30th and reported that the City performed well against its plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Old Business:

Public Hall Hospitality RDA Revision: Mayor proposes changing the existing agreement based on conversations he's had with Jon Kemp and some requirements from his lender. Alderman Miller recommends authorizing an additional 50% share of the property taxes per year up to \$80,0000 or TIF eligible expenses, whichever is less. Alderman Fosen would like to make sure to amend the RDA to accurately capture the value of the proposed investment. Council would also like to see language that prevents an appeal of the property tax assessment during the next 10 years. Alderman Fosen asks that the Mayor communicate with Jon that the rebate is paid after the city collects the increment which is usually the February following the tax payment in November which contains the increment. Council agreed that the value Jon's business has brought, will continue to bring, and the amount of his investment in this new project is worthy of the council doing everything they can to help him move forward. Motion by Alderman Revelle and second by Alderman Phelps to approve the revisions as discussed above. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business:

Closed Session – Personnel: 9:10 a.m. Motion by Alderman Phelps and second by Alderman Revelle to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

10:02 a.m. Council resumed regular session.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Commerce Bank lot on Main and Morris: Commerce Bank does not want to incur the expense in securing a No Further Action letter from the EPA. Mayor is trying to get Commerce to bring back another contract proposal so the city can assume the lot and develop it.

Police: None

Building/Insurance: None

Finance/TIF: Alderman Fosen commented that the fund balances are good and the city is in a position to help move projects forward.

Water: None

Sanitation: Alderman Johansen feels that with the completion of PJ Keller Highway, the city should focus on a more impressive “welcome” sign. Mayor agreed and noted that this is something the council should begin investigating.

Streets/Alleys: Mike Beard spoke on behalf of Bill Elias. McLean County Asphalt is pressuring the city to pave the lot next to City Hall to tie it in with another project they are here in town doing. Bill is looking to the council for guidance on whether or not to pave it now or wait until construction on the city owned lots adjacent to the parking lot is complete. Alderman Revelle feels the city should move forward with paving it and put up a fence to prevent construction trucks from driving on it. Mayor asked Alderman Revelle to work on this issue with Bill Elias.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Fosen to adjourn at 10:03 a.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 6/23/2014