

EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

June 16, 2014

The emergency meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 6:05 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 Miller, Alderman Phelps and Alderman Fosen. Alderman Revelle was absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Brandi Vance, Brenda Hany, Brittany Phelps, Jerry Swartz, Josh Dingler, Heather ____*, Tim Tyler, Randy Jacobs, Josh martin, Tara Martin, Denise Martin and Mike Richard. *The sign-in sheet for this meeting will be attached to the minutes as some names cannot be understood and there were some in attendance that did not sign the sheet.

Public Input: Mike Richard-Thanked the council for allowing the public to speak at last week's meeting as well as tonight. He read a statement noting that he and others in the community would not have been questioning the council's decisions regarding the Chief of Police had the council been forthcoming with the information that he and others obtained after that meeting pertaining to performance related issues within the department. He feels the police commission has failed the city and hopes that, going forward, they do a better job at hiring and managing that position. **Randy Jacobs**-Noted that his presence tonight is as the branch manager of Heartland Bank and Trust and he is interested in the council's plan for now and going forward as security from a bank perspective is important to him. He asked that there be coverage short term while the council is working through these issues and long term that the council consider some quality, professional coverage whether that is from the county or whatever the case may be. **Josh Martin**-Asked for a short summary from the council as to what has happened that the city no longer has an acting Chief and is without police coverage at this point. Mayor shared a letter with Josh, as well as other members of the public in attendance, he received from city attorney, Mike Tibbs, outlining the Sherriff's summation of the department's deficiencies.

New Business:

Authorize Contract with Mclean County Sheriff's Department for Part-Time Police Protection: Because this topic was covered in the motion set forth in the item below, no action was taken on this item.

Appointment of Interim Part-Time Police Chief: Motion by Alderman Phelps and second by Alderman Fosen to postpone indefinitely the appointment of an interim part-time police chief and contract with the McLean County Sherriff's office for 40 hours of call back duty per week until such time as the council hires and appoints a new acting chief. Alderman Johansen asked if it is possible for the city to enter into another contract with another union considering the city is already contracted with ICOPS for the part-time police officers? Mayor noted that, through speaking with the city attorney, this is possible. Alderman Fosen explained his "no" vote on Friday against appointing one of the city's current part-time police officers as the interim acting police chief. He noted that his "no" vote was due to his opinion that appointing one of the city's own part-time officers is difficult as the department procedures and incident reporting practices are being reviewed and it will be difficult for one of our own to investigate themselves and their peers. Alderman Miller noted that he agrees with the Mayor and Alderman Phelps that using the county in the interim is the best plan. However, he voiced his concern that the Sherriff's office

has let the city down by not informing the city of reporting problems on cases dating back to 2008 until now. Alderman Phelps noted that the number of incidents currently reported as problematic by the county were brought about after the Sherriff's office came in to review the city's evidence locker. Alderman Cole speculated that Dave's resignation and the current problems with the police department are directly related to the Mayor's personal dislike for Dave. Mayor asked Alderman Cole not to speculate about the Mayor's personal feelings, rather, keep his comments or opinions centered on his own personal views or opinions. Motion carries with a vote of 3 yes/2 no.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Phelps and seconded by Alderman Miller to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 6/23/2014