

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

November 10, 2014

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor John Mohr in the City Council Chambers at Lexington City Hall.

Mayor led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was taken to find the following physically present: Mayor Mohr, Alderman Cole, Alderman Miller, Alderman Johansen, Alderman Fosen, Alderman Phelps, and Alderman Revelle. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel and Don Cavallini.

It was moved by Alderman Cole and seconded by Alderman Phelps to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2014 council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Fosen and seconded by Alderman Revelle to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$85,919.44. The majority of this amount is payment of the city's risk management policy. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Input:** Council congratulated Don Cavallini on his recent re-election to the McLean County Board.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business: None**

**Committee Reports:**

**Mayor:** Mayor asked council members to allow the Chief to move forward with the construction bids previously received to build a wall in his office as the city employees are busy winterizing.

**Police:** Alderman Phelps noted that he has been working with city attorney, Mike Tibbs, to make sure the city can institute a residency requirement for the new full time police officer. Mike Tibbs' response is that the city can have that requirement, must pass an ordinance, and the request has to be reasonable. Alderman Cole asked Alderman Phelps if the Chief currently drives the Explorer back and forth to work and if the city is paying for the gas? Alderman Phelps indicated that he was using the vehicle for transportation but did not have an answer regarding the gas.

**Building/Insurance:** Alderman Miller asked the council again for their opinion on whether or not the city should pay to replace the ballists in the Old Wooden Hare building. He also indicated that the estimate included some additional lighting the tenants for asking for in their meeting room. The council reiterated their previous belief that the city should not pay for the ballist replacement, however, if the tenant wants additional lighting, the tenant will have to pay for that themselves. Alderman Miller also continues his research on replacing the city's health insurance coverage. He asked the council for their recommendations. After much discussion, the council decided to renew with the current company for one more year and accept the increase. Council feels there may be changes in Obamacare at the helm that may allow the city

to continue with this policy in the future and, if not, a change can be made then. This item will be forwarded to the next meeting agenda for a formal vote.

**Finance/TIF:** None

**Water:** Alderman Cole noted that the water filter has been fixed and was not as expensive as previously thought.

**Sanitation:** None

**Streets/Alleys:** None

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Phelps to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 11/24/2014