

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL
January 26, 2015

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 8:05 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 Miller, Alderman Fosen, Alderman Phelps, and Alderman Revelle. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Dustin Carter, Dakotah Metzke, Mike Beard, and Billy DuBoise.

It was moved by Alderman Phelps and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2014 council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Revelle and seconded by Alderman Fosen to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$106,719.66 which includes a final payment of \$50,000 to Stark Excavating for the Trail Ridge subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Officer Dustin Carter noted that this is his seventh week in training. He is currently working 2 days a week and has learned a lot so far. He thanked the council for the opportunity to serve the City of Lexington.

Old Business:

Intergovernmental Agreement with Animal Control: This agreement is signed by the city every year and serves to help local animal control officer, Dan McDaniels, with stray animal impoundment. Motion by Alderman Fosen and second by Alderman Revelle to approve the 2015 Intergovernmental Agreement with McLean County Animal Control. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

2015 Council Meeting Calendar: Motion by Alderman Fosen and second by Alderman Miller to approve the 2015 council meeting calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Rental Property Inspection Program: Mayor received a letter recently from some tenants asking what the city can do when the rental property falls into disrepair and is not maintained by the owner. Some cities require rental properties to be registered and abide by certain standards. Mayor is concerned that some of our rental units are starting to show age. Alderman Revelle feels this type of program will require a lot of the city's time and cost to implement. Alderman Miller questioned whether or not the city could institute a deposit paid by the landlord that could be refunded upon good terms or used for repairs if needed. Mayor asked council members to brainstorm ideas and bring them back to the council at a later date.

Ryan Field Services Lease/Rental Agreement: Mike Beard noted that the city may need the Old Wooden Hare building down the road so he would rather the lease renewal be for a shorter time period. Mayor suggested adding a paragraph to the agreement giving the city the right to terminate the lease with a 30 day notice. He also asked that a paragraph be added noting that

parking for the building be in front of the building, not behind. Mike noted the tenants have several vehicles parked in the back that sit for extended periods of time. While the vehicles are not causing a problem at this time, he feels it will become a problem when the city paves the lot. Alderman Fosen asked that Mike review the lease agreement to make sure that parking behind the building is not included in the current lease.

City Advertising Plan: Mayor spoke with Business Builders, a company that specializes in public relations and advertising. He feels promoting the community at this point is key as the City of Lexington has a lot to offer for future residents. Mayor had previously budgeted for advertising and there is currently \$5,500 in the line item account dedicated for advertising. Alderman Phelps asked if the council can see some of Business Builders previous work. Motion by Alderman Phelps and second by Alderman Revelle to approve the advertising proposal from Business Builders. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Treatment Plant Discussion: Mayor circulated some information regarding the future water treatment plant. Mayor explained some savings he thinks the city can realize from the original estimate provided by Farnsworth Group. Mayor wants to make sure the council has enough time to process the information. With council members absent for different reasons over the next month, Mayor is looking to possibly have special meetings or contact council members remotely to have their opinion on such a monumental decision making process for the city.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: None

Police: Alderman Phelps noted that Chief Belvery became a grandfather today. He also asked the council to encourage and thank the Chief for his good work.

Building/Insurance: None

Finance/TIF: None

Water: None

Sanitation: None

Streets/Alleys: Alderman Revelle noted the city started short on salt at the beginning of the season due to ordering problems last year.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Fosen to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 2/9/2015