

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

February 9, 2015

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:34 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 Cole. Alderman Johansen and Alderman Revelle are absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Mike Beard, Jon Kemp, Dave Belvery and Billy DuBoise.

It was moved by Alderman Fosen and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2015 council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Fosen and seconded by Alderman Phelps to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$17,640.60. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Old Business:

Kemp's Upper Tap Street Closings: Jon Kemp addressed the council asking that the alley next to his restaurant be closed on March 14th from 8:00 am until 9:00 pm for his annual St. Patrick's Day party. He is also asking for street closure on July 11th for Street Fest. Logistics have not been worked out yet as he anticipates being in the new building at that time. He asked the council for input as to which streets he should use for street closings around the new building. Alderman Fosen and Alderman Phelps feel using the parking lot next to city hall as well Main Street will be best. They just asked that the configuration of the closing of Main Street be done in a way as to not adversely affect patrons visiting The Fireside. The council asked that Jon work with the police department on specifics related to which streets closer to the date of the event. Motion by Alderman Fosen and second by Alderman Cole to approve the closing of the alley for March 14th and Main Street on July 11th. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Squad Car Repairs: Chief Belvery noted that repairs to the squad car will be over \$2,400. There is a significant electrical problem with the car that has required two new alternators and three batteries and has shorted out some of the electrical equipment in the car. The short has also caused some damage on the floor board from melted wiring. Motion by Alderman Phelps and second by Alderman Cole to approve repairs to the squad car up to \$2,500. Motion carried unanimously.

Alcohol Packages Less Than 16oz: The BP Station feels they are losing some business to other towns since the council passed an ordinance banning the sale of alcoholic beverages less than 16oz. The owners of the station have asked the mayor to repeal the ordinance passed a couple years ago. The Chief and the council recommend keeping the ordinance intact due to a large part of BP's business are travelers on Interstate 55. There was no action to be taken.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Mayor noted that Alderman Johansen is home recuperating from several surgeries. Mayor is still collecting information regarding the new water treatment plant to provide to the council for decision making purposes at a later date.

Police: Chief Dave Belvery showed off the city's new body cameras he received through the McLean County Crime Protection Network grant. Data from the body cameras will be stored for 120 days. Evidentiary data will be burned to a CD and stored with case files. Data not used will be deleted after 120 days. Chief has written a policy for the city's police department's usage of the cameras and control of the data.

Building/Insurance: Alderman Miller noted that he has spoken with the tenants of the old Wooden Hare building and they have indicated with the upturn of the housing market and the decline of foreclosed homes, they may be terminating their lease of the building to pursue other business options.

Finance/TIF: Alderman Fosen asked the Mayor know if any new permits have been issued for new homes to be built in the new Trail Ridge subdivision? Mayor noted there is nothing in writing yet but knows that there are a few things pending that could come together in the spring. Mayor noted that the city had agreed to split the property tax increment with Subway and will be honoring that agreement. Alderman Cole asked the Mayor for a breakdown of what the city has spent on the new Trail Ridge subdivision to date. He is concerned with making sure the city has not exceeded the amount previously allotted to the developer. Mayor noted that Alderman Cole could ask City Collector, Star Torkelson, for that breakdown. Mayor noted that the city's obligations for project funding are finished at this time.

Water: None

Sanitation: None

Streets/Alleys: None

Alderman Cole passed around a book he picked up in Troy, Alabama which contained articles and advertising for businesses in their town. He feels a similar type of book with similar articles would be beneficial to Lexington.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Phelps to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 2/23/2015