

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

April 13, 2015

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:42 p.m. by Mayor John Mohr. The location of the meeting was changed to the Lexington Community Center in order to make the meeting room convenient and accessible for a large number of visitors.

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 Revelle, Alderman Phelps and Alderman Fosen. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel and an estimated 125 public visitors as partially evidenced by the attached sign in sheets.

Motion by Alderman Johansen and second by Alderman Miller to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2015 and March 30, 2015 council meetings. 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 \$273,249.07. Included in that amount is a payment in the amount of \$228,116.28 for the IEPA Waste Water Treatment plant loan. Motion carries unanimously.

Public Input: Various members of the public addressed the council regarding the council's decision to pass a resolution supporting local government empowerment and reform at tonight's meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Resolution in Support of Local Government Empowerment and Reform: Mayor addressed the public regarding this resolution. Motion by Alderman Phelps and second by Alderman Miller to consider tabling any action regarding this resolution so more research can be done by the Aldermen. Alderman Johansen thanked the union members in attendance and asked that this be tabled until the courts have made a final decision on this issue. Alderman Cole then addressed the council regarding an article in the newspaper and noted that he will not support this resolution. Alderman Revelle is in support of passing the resolution as he notes it does not change any laws here in Lexington rather shows the council's support for Governor Rauner's plan for empowerment and reform. Alderman Fosen noted that there is not very good information provided by the Governor regarding his goals on this item. He noted that he is supportive of any change that would bring more local control to units of government but he is concerned that this is very preliminary in the process and is not clear as to how the Governor suggests accomplishing these changes. He expressed his appreciation to the union groups and their apprenticeship programs that bring expertise to their fields. Alderman Miller noted that the state is in serious financial trouble and he asked the public present to come up with ideas on how to save money and present those ideas to their legislatures. Motion carries unanimously.

Public Act 98-0930 Requiring Email Addresses on City Website: This act requires public officials to maintain an email address that is published on the city's website so residents can

contact their Aldermen. Motion by Mayor Mohr and second by Alderman Johansen to create a link for each Alderman on the website that goes to the lexingtonil@hotmail.com address in order to comply with the Illinois Local Records Act. This email address will be monitored and managed by City Collector, Starlette Torkelson. Motion carries unanimously.

Ordinance 2015-3 Authorizing Acquisition of Real Property for the Water Treatment Plant: This ordinance will actually be Resolution 2015-2. There is a willing partner in Parker Kemp to sell some land at \$12,000 per acre for approximately 4.25 acres out by the Community Church. Bob Kohlhase answered questions from council members regarding the land and logistics of the plant. Motion by Alderman Miller and second by Alderman Revelle to approve Resolution 2015-2 which authorizes the acquisition of the real property for the water treatment plant project. Motion carries unanimously.

Burn Pile: Alderman Revelle noted that a local business generates plywood that he has been burning in an old truck bed on the property. He was recently asked by the Chief to stop the burning in accordance with the city's ordinance against burning construction material. The owner asked Alderman Revelle if there is anything that can be done about it as keeping a dumpster on property would take him a long time to fill and would be costly. He's asking permission to put the plywood on the city's burn pile. Mayor noted that this will cause a problem with the IEPA which would result in big fines to the city and may also encourage others in the community to dump all kinds of construction material on the burn pile. Chief Belvery noted that perhaps doing some research into some companies that recycle wood products may be a good option. Alderman Cole noted that there are smaller dumpsters that are not nearly as expensive that could be rented. Alderman Revelle noted that the city should invest in a camera that needs to be mounted out by the burn pile to catch the individuals who are currently dumping construction material illegally. Alderman Revelle will speak with the business owner regarding his options.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Mayor pointed out that Chuck and Mary Beth Wright have started construction on their carousel building and the estimated value is \$282,000. Mayor spoke with Dave Jenkins to make sure he makes regular visits to perform inspections as this will be a public attraction. Mayor provided the council with a sheet regarding financial information pertaining to the new subdivision. The sheet showed that with the home currently built and the lots that are sold and pending sale, the city will recoup 77% of the \$430,000 it has invested in the project.

Police: Mayor noted there has been a lot of discussion about the police department budget. Mayor did not know the scope of the training required for the part time and full time new hires at the time of hire. He is asking the council for patience as the new guys go through training. Alderman Phelps noted that Police Chief, Dave Belvery, is trying to do the right thing while going against what he really wants to do. Budgetary recommendations have been made to the Chief. Mayor noted that the Police Committee has asked ICOPS for a new agreement that is supposed to go into effect May 1st and are still waiting for their response.

Building/Insurance: Alderman Miller noted that the tenants of the old Wooden Hare building have moved out and Alderman Miller is going to make sure they clean it up. He is asking what the council's preference is on what to do with the building. Alderman Cole noted that we will most likely need it in 2 years and wouldn't want to have to evict any new tenants.

Finance/TIF: None

Water: Alderman Cole noted that Main Street is closed at 66 for the installation of a new water main. There was a leak at the water tower that has since been fixed.

Sanitation: Alderman Johansen has a meeting with someone from the garbage company to discuss leaf pick up. He is also aware of the amount of complaints from residents whose garbage is not being picked up on the regularly scheduled pick up days.

Streets/Alleys: Alderman Revelle addressed Donna Williams' complaints from the previous meeting. He noted that everything was taken care of. The ropes were moved back, the no parking signs put up and the sidewalks will be repaired this summer.

Mayor thanked the council for their candid discussion tonight with so many public in attendance. He urges the council to do their research for a meeting at a later date.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Johansen to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 4/27/2015

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- 2 JOSH MARTIN
- 3 Denise Martin
- 4 ROD MARTIN
- 5 Mr. Paul
- 6 Bob Payne
- 7 Michael Richard
- 8 Randy Stearns
- 9 Jerry Harcharik
- 10 ~~SEAN~~ SEAN FAGAN
- 11 Heather Mool
- 12 Mike Tucker
- 13 Robert C. Moore
- 14 Michael A. Shepherd
- 15 Paul Ertle
- 16 Sam Emberton
- 17 Kirk Andrews
- 18 Bruce Klein
- 19 Ronn Marshhead
- 20 Richard L. Veitengruber

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- 2 Jeff Brown
- 3 GREG POTTER
- 4 Pat HANDESTY
- 5 Dawn Begg
- 6 Gary Mool
- 7 Ralph Timan
- 8 Charles Brown
- 9 Jeff Pisell
- 10 Roy Bosauer
- 11 Melecio Alvarez
- 12 Dan Whitecotton
- 13 Rusty Dunsay
- 14 Danny Craig 362
- 15 Ray Reel
- 16 Gary Turner
- 17 Greg Grayson
- 18 Russell W. Shoneyette
- 19 JH doherty
- 20 LEON THOMAS

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- 2 Troy Roberts
- 3 Travis Roberts
- 4 Kerry Klein
- 5 Chuck Williams
- 6 LATOYA DOAGE
- 7 RISSA TAYLOR
- 8 JULIE COTTER
- 9 Aaron Fost
- 10 MIKE MATESKA
- 11 Judd Stover
- 12 ~~Jay Bell~~
- 13 ~~Jfk~~
- 14 Tom Stinde
- 15 Jason Birkenberl
- 16 Larry Michael
- 17 Margaret Johnson
- 18 Mike Sil
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- 2 Josh Ohmart
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- 4 Hunter Warner
- 5 Leslie Sale
- 6 Jared Sale
- 7 Ava Sale
- 8 PAUL THOMAS
- 9 Roy Magray
- 10 Nelda Dobson
- 11 ~~Franklin Dodson~~
- 12 Mary Jo Bray
- 13 Mike Cotter
- 14 Rich Rich
- 15 Gil Brockway
- 16 Patrick Pocom
- 17 Roosevelt Niles
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- 5 Rickie Washburn
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- 8 Robert Judy 362
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