

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL
May 11, 2015

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor John Mohr in the City Council Chambers at Lexington City Hall.

Swearing in of New Aldermen: City Clerk, Melanie Kunkel, swore in Alderman Judd Stover of Ward 3 and Michael Richard of Ward 2 to the City Council.

Mayor led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was taken to find the following physically present: Mayor Mohr, Alderman Miller, Alderman Johansen, Alderman Cole, and Alderman Phelps. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Sue Noland, Don Cavallini, Jill Mohr, Aaron Bakaitis, Megan Bakaitis, Brittany Swartz, Betty Stover, David Belvery, Billy DuBoise, Kasey Wells and Larry Mowery.

It was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Phelps to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2015 council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Johansen and seconded by Alderman Cole to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$32,618.83. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Old Business:

Business Builders FY16 Proposal: The city worked with Business Builders previously to boost advertising. They have come back with a proposal with some additional tools. One is a short video, some commercial materials i.e. brochures, and can make some upgrades to the website to make it easier to navigate. This proposal is included in the current budget being approved tonight. Alderman Cole feels this proposal is quite a jump from their previous proposal for the print ads. He noted that he would rather the company had made these proposals part of the original plan. The city previously paid Business Builders \$5800 for a first phase of advertising. This proposal is a second phase and will cost \$12,000. Motion by Alderman Johansen and second by Alderman Phelps to approve the Business Builders fiscal year proposal in the amount of \$12,000. Motion carries unanimously.

FY16 Budget: Mayor reviewed the proposed budget on paper and projected it onto the wall for the viewing of members of the public present. After much discussion about employee pay increases and the potential increase in insurance premium there was a motion by Alderman Phelps and second by Alderman Johansen to approve the FY16 budget with the addition of a 2% pay increase for five full time employees, Dave Belvery, Billy DuBoise, Mike Beard, Bill Elias and Starlette Torkelson. Motion carries unanimously.

Rental Property Update: Alderman Johansen expected the tenants of the old Wooden Hare building to have vacated the property by May 1st; however, the tenants are still occupying the space but will be moved out by May 15th. Alderman Johansen and Alderman Miller will inspect the building but recommend allowing the food pantry to move in there permanently.

New Business:

Resolution Recognizing Outgoing Alderman: Mayor prepared a resolution acknowledging Alderman Revelle for his years of service. Alderman Revelle was appointed to the council in 1984 and was best known for his conscientiousness in spending taxpayer money in his 30 years on the council. Mayor will prepare a similar resolution acknowledging Alderman Fosen. Motion by Alderman Johansen and second by Alderman Miller to approve Resolution 2015-3 acknowledging the contribution of Alderman Don Revelle. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Alderman Johansen and second by Alderman Miller to approve Resolution 2015-4 acknowledging the contribution of Alderman Stephen Fosen. Motion carried unanimously.

MFT Resolution: Motion by Alderman Johansen and second by Alderman Phelps to approve Resolution 2015-5 authorizing a motor fuel program of \$180,000 which authorizes the engineer to bid for street projects. Mayor reiterated that he would like Bill Elias to report back to the council for every project as the bids come in and before work on any project is commenced. Motion carried unanimously.

PT Police Salary Schedule: The new contract with ICOPS provides that the city give the part time police officers a 2.5% raise this year and every year during the life of the contract. With this contract, Alderman Phelps noted that all outstanding grievances and unfair labor practices were withdrawn because they were satisfied. Alderman Richard asked if there were any safeguards in the current contract that would prevent the part time officers hours from being temporarily suspended pending a future time the city would have without an acting Chief. Mayor noted that there is no such language contained in the contract. Motion by Alderman Phelps and second by Alderman Richard to approve the part time salary schedule and the ICOPS contract. Motion carries unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Mayor noted that he had a meeting with Enbridge Pipeline Company and construction will be moving thru our area in July for the southern part of the refineries pipeline.

Police: None

Building/Insurance: None

Finance/TIF: None

Water: None

Sanitation: None

Streets/Alleys: None

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Johansen to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 5/26/2015