

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

July 27, 2015

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 Mohr led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was taken to find the following physically present: Mayor Mohr, Alderman Miller, Alderman Cole, Alderman Johansen, Alderman Phelps, Alderman Richard and Alderman Stover. Members of the staff and public present were: Sue Noland, Dave Belvery, Mike Beard, and Bill Elias.

It was moved by Alderman Cole and seconded by Alderman Johansen to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2015 council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Stover and seconded by Alderman Phelps to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$71,194.23. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Old Business: The Thomas family has seen and like the new Lexington Welcome signs. The Thomas family plans to contribute \$4,000.00 toward the expense which will cover the entire cost of the new signs. Signs will be placed at four locations, i.e., on the north and south bound lanes of Route 66, on South St and also on PJ Keller highway. It was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Johansen to purchase the signs at a cost of \$3,976.00. Motion carried unanimously.

A new demo mower was on display in the shop and the Mayor suggested the council members and public attendees take a look at the mower. After a brief demonstration by Mike Beard, the meeting resumed. It was moved by Alderman Johansen and seconded by Alderman Cole to purchase the mower for a cost of \$49,995.00. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Electric Aggregation: The Mayor has been approached about aggregating electric rates for the entire community vs. the power company setting rates which are marginally higher. A corporate spokesman had indicated he would attend the meeting to provide information to the council. A representative was not in attendance. A motion was made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Phelps against aggregating the electric rates for the City. Motion carried unanimously.

Roger Payne TIF Application: Alderman Richard reported Roger Payne has received three bids ranging from \$6,000 to \$7,000 to cover tuckpointing and painting of the Pool Hall building located on Main St. The Pool Hall is not a business but the patrons are local senior citizens and also veterans. The council discussed paying up to 50% or a maximum of \$4,500 toward the cost of the repairs. It was moved by Alderman Richard and seconded by Alderman Cole to reimburse

Roger Payne for 50% or a maximum of \$4,500.00 for the cost of repairs upon receipt of a copy of the final invoice. Motion carried unanimously.

Wooden Hare Lease to Food Pantry: Alderman Johansen suggested the building formerly occupied by the Wooden Hare to be the future site for the Lexington Food Pantry and also the American Legion. The City will provide the utilities for the use of this building by these two organizations. A motion was made by Alderman Johansen and seconded by Alderman Miller to allow occupancy by the Lexington Food Pantry and the American Legion of the former Wooden Hare building at no cost to either organization. Motion carried unanimously.

September Street Closing, Kemps Upper Tap: Mayor Mohr spoke to Jon Kemp, owner of Kemp's Upper Tap, who requested Main St closure at 12:00/noon between Cedar and Vine streets on Friday, Sept 4, 2015. A motion by Alderman Cole and seconded by Alderman Phelps to approve the closure of Main St on Sept 4, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Mayor signed the corporate warranty deeds for the Chaney property and Kemp's Upper Tap. All necessary documentation to proceed with the transfer of property has been provided.

Police: Alderman Phelps stated that a copy of all future traffic citations issued by the Lexington Police dept will be given to all council members.

Building/Insurance: Alderman Johansen suggested inviting persons interested in the vacant Filling Station Restaurant building to the August 10th meeting. Alderman Richard said he has spoken with a representative of Gallagher Benefits. Gallagher is reviewing current coverage for the City's liability insurance and also management of the current Blue Cross Blue Shield employee insurance plan coverage. Alderman Richard spoke with Jon Devore of Devore Landscaping regarding the transfer of property adjacent to the existing business site. Jon Devore was concerned with the fees he would incur with the property transfer. Estimated costs are approximately \$1,500.00.

Finance/TIF: none

Water: Alderman Cole stated flushing of the water main on the Stinde Electric property site has been completed. Water samples have been sent for testing.

Sanitation: none

Street/Alley: none

Alderman Phelps would like to encourage all council and staff to conduct themselves in a professional manner with respect to other members and staff. Any issues, concerns, questions, etc. should be directly addressed with the individual or committee associated with the issue at hand.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Johansen to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted

Sue Noland, City Treasurer

Approved: