

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

August 24, 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 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 Stover, Alderman Phelps and Alderman Richard. Alderman Cole was absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Don Cavallini, Bill Elias, Katie Adams, Walker Adams and Dave Belvery.

It was moved by Alderman Phelps and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the minutes from the August 24, 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 \$29,355.84. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Employee Health Insurance Discussion: Alderman Richard spoke to Bruce Johnson, a local insurance broker, who is requiring the city to appoint him as the health plan administrator before he would continue to help with future health care plan discussions. Alderman Richard also spoke with Diamond Brothers who outlined what needs to happen for the city's health insurance plan to be compliant. Diamond Brothers is willing to help without forcing the city to sign them over as administrator. This has to be done before the policy expires in December. Alderman Richard also spoke to someone at IMLRMA. He encouraged the city to shop around for risk insurance and, if something comparable was found, he'd be willing to sit down to make sure it is comparable to what the city currently has. Mayor asked Alderman Richard and Alderman Miller to ask Devin Bernstein, Health Star Consulting, for a quote as well considering he currently has all the information regarding city employees on file.

Cherry Street HMA Resurfacing Bids: Mayor noted that the TIF Budget included \$65,000 to pave the north one-half of the city parking lot adjacent to City Hall as well as complete 3 blocks of resurfacing of Cherry Street between Main Street and Wall Street. The bid for Cherry Street resurfacing came in higher than expected but the cost of the two projects combined is likely to stay within the budgeted amount. Motion by Alderman Johansen and second by Alderman Miller to approve the bid from McLean County Asphalt in the amount \$32,599 for patches and hot mix overlays on city streets. Motion passed unanimously.

Swimming Pool Water Bill Refund: In the past the city has helped the park with fees associated with filling the swimming pools in the summer. The practice was discontinued in 2014. The park board is asking once again for assistance with this year's summer invoice.

Motion by Alderman Johansen and second by Alderman Miller to forgive the current balance of \$6,315.17. Motion passed unanimously.

Economic Development Council Contribution: Mayor explained the EDC's roll in McLean County to the new Alderman. No action taken.

Fred Schoening TIF Grant Request: Mr. Schoening owns the brown shed on the edge of the new Trail Ridge Subdivision. He submitted a request for financial help with painting his shed. No action taken on this request.

Closed Session – Motion by Alderman Phelps and second by Alderman Miller to enter into closed session under Section 2(c)(5) Property Acquisition at 8:35pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 9:49 pm.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Mayor spoke to Jim Mounce about the proposed carwash. They will be submitting their application for a building permit next week. The developer of the townhomes has received his building permits. The developer has made a commitment to install natural gas services rather than rely entirely on electricity for utilities.. Water treatment plant design is ongoing.

Police: Chief has received his new squad car and is helping to install the electrical components needed.

Building/Insurance: The drainage issue around Main is being worked on by Farnsworth. Alderman Johansen brought up replacing lighting at the old Wooden Hare building to accommodate the Food Pantry. Council reminded him that in the past the council agreed not to replace the lighting in the building. This item will be on the next agenda for further discussion.

Finance/TIF: None

Water: None

Sanitation: Alderman Johansen received a complaint about the mess around the back of the old Upper Tap. Alderman Richard also noted that there are a lot of nails in the city's parking lot from the construction of the new Upper Tap that also need to be cleaned up. Chief noted he will take care of both items. Clerk, Melanie Kunkel, noted that the school has had the recycling dumpster removed and asked Alderman Johansen to speak with Allied during upcoming contract negotiations about providing one. The city used to provide a recycling dumpster for residents in another part of town and Clerk Kunkel asked that the city go back to providing a dumpster but place it near the school so the staff can use it.

Streets/Alleys: Alderman Richard asked if it is possible to light the new welcome signs when they are installed. The suggestion is solar lighting will be more economical than having power companies install electric services. Alderman Richard will get some quotes for lights.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Phelps to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 9/14/2015