

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL
September 14, 2015

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:45 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, and Alderman Richard. Alderman Cole and Alderman Phelps were absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Don Cavallini, John Boehle, Zach Knight, Bob Kohlhase, Mike Beard, Dave Belvery and Jack Boehle.

It was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Johansen to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2015 council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Stover and seconded by Alderman Richard to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$43,601.31. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Jack Boehle was in attendance as an observer as he is trying to earn a merit badge in communications for Boy Scouts.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Northwest Drainage Management Presentation: Bob Kohlhase of Farnsworth Group gave a presentation regarding drainage in the area around the new Upper Tap and the new townhomes being constructed. He noted that they did not locate a major problem that would require a large investment at this time. They did identify some maintenance issues that, once resolved, would alleviate any current and future drainage issues. Some of the issues are a silt dam that has developed west and adjacent to Rt 66 that should be graded down by a foot, a clay tile that appears to be severely clogged or collapsed and surface inlet grates, along Grove Street, that need to be upgraded to allow more water into the drain. Motion by Alderman Johansen and second by Alderman Miller to accept the recommendations on the Northwest Drainage Management Presentation and initiate maintenance items 1, 2 and 3 through the Street Committee. Motion passed.

Zach Knight of Farnsworth Group also provided the council with an update on the new water treatment plant facility via sketches and drawings of the facility.

Mounce Car Wash Water and Sewer Connections: A building permit has been issued and Mr. Mounce has all his cost estimates and contractors lined up. They are asking for help with the excavations and connections to the water and sewer mains. Mayor recommends doing the excavating and Mike Beard says he has some pipe and other materials in stock that Mr. Mounce could pay for at the city's cost. Mike noted that Mr. Mounce will need a plumber to do the sewer connection due to the long on-grade installation. Alderman Miller is concerned that

providing this service might set a precedence with other businesses in the future but the Mayor does not see a problem with helping businesses in the future as long as the City has the manpower and equipment. Motion by Alderman Miller and second by Alderman Johansen to provide city workers and equipment to do the water connection at the city's convenience, to be reimbursed for parts and materials, allow Mounce to purchase materials from the city at cost, defer the sewer connection to an outside contractor and Mounce will pay all associated water and sewer connections sewer lined in the City Code. Motion passed.

Lighting at the old Wooden Hare Building: Mayor spoke to John Cheever who is on the Food Pantry Committee. They are currently working on how they want arrange the inside of the Wooden Hare building and has asked that any decision regarding lighting be postponed until their plan is completed.

Lighting and landscaping for new city signs: Alderman Richard provided an estimate by Stinde Electric for solar lighting. A decision regarding this will be postponed as Alderman Richard noted that Walker Adams volunteered to do the lighting on the signs at his cost. Alderman Richard also noted that he spoke to John Devore regarding the piece of property he is looking for the city to vacate. He volunteered to landscape the signs as an exchange. Discussion revealed no interested in an exchange but would rather Devore pay what it will cost the city to transfer for the property which is roughly \$1,850.

Closed Session – Motion by Alderman Miller and second by Alderman Johansen to enter into closed session under Section 2(c)(5) Property Acquisition Discussion at 9:10pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Resumed regular session at 9:59 pm.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Mayor noted that City Treasurer, Sue Noland, has looked through State sales tax records which showed that some businesses have been paying their sales tax to the county rather than to the city. The City can recover about \$15,000 of the funds distributed incorrectly by the State. Once those businesses are coded properly by the IL Dept. of Revenue it may result in an additional \$25,000 a year in sales tax revenue for the city. Mayor received a quote on the health insurance premium for the next year which is \$1,300 less per month than what the city is paying currently. There have been two promotional video shoots for the city's advertising plan. The new website has been built but there is some content that has to be added. The townhouses are moving ahead. Mayor spoke to Terry Brown about the crop damage on the water treatment plant property. Mayor met with the Shake Shack about their property improvements.

Police: None

Building/Insurance: Alderman Richard acknowledged the health insurance quote from Devon Bernstein and is also moving forward with getting another quote from Diamond Brothers for health insurance.

Finance/TIF: None

Water: None

Sanitation: None

Streets/Alleys: Alderman Miller fielded a question from a neighbor. The neighbor is looking to redo his basement and wants to make sure the sewer drainage issue has been resolved before he moves forward. Mike Beard noted that they have not fixed the current problem but are looking

into it. There are roots that have grown into the pipe but they cannot figure out where the roots are coming from. Mike noted that it is on their list of repairs to be made.

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: 9/28/2015