

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL**  
September 28, 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 Cole, Alderman Stover, Alderman Phelps and Alderman Richard. Alderman Johansen was absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Don Cavallini and Dave Belvery.

It was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Richard to approve the minutes from the September 14, 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 \$149,010.31. Roughly \$100,000 of that went to Farnsworth Group for the water treatment plant design. Roughly \$35,000 went to McLean County Asphalt for street resurfacing. Motion carries unanimously.

**Public Input:** None

**Old Business:**

**City Employee Health Insurance:** Alderman Richard has spoken to both the current insurance agent and a new insurance agent regarding some of the outstanding health insurance problems. Alderman Richard feels he received better help from Diamond Brothers than the current agent and is recommending the city go with Diamond Brothers and their 3<sup>rd</sup> party administrator. The quotes for insurance coverage are the same as the current agent's quotes. Diamond Brothers is located in Chenoa and Alderman Richard feels there is a benefit to having a local company available. Alderman Miller noted that Devon Bernstein has helped the city immensely in the past but also feels switching to a more local broker will be advantageous. Motion by Alderman Richard and second by Alderman Miller to appoint Diamond Brothers as the health insurance broker in anticipation of benefit changes beginning January 2016 and anticipating ACA requirements. Alderman Cole feels that any decisions made to the city health insurance should be made when all Alderman are present. Mayor assured Alderman Cole that Alderman Johansen had been present during health insurance discussions at recent meetings and there are no changes being made to the health coverage at this time. Just the designation of a new agent. Motion carries unanimously.

**New Business:** None

**Committee Reports:**

**Mayor:** Mayor thanked Alderman Richard for working with Mr. Devore as he has agreed to pay all costs associated with the city vacating the strip of land adjacent to his business property. Mayor noted that the last tax rebate payment has been made to Barker Chevrolet according to the agreement held with the city. Mayor is recommending that the city continue that agreement at

the same share as it is helpful to Barker. He is recommending keeping the same terms but make the contract non-transferable to a new owner or business. Mayor has had two meetings with a music producer who lives in Lexington. The artist is Eddie Money's former drummer and they will be shooting here in Lexington at the beginning of October. Mayor has also met with the Shake Shack several times about building improvements. They are considering different ideas. Mayor also showed a preview of the city's advertisement video that will be added to the city's website in the near future.

**Police:** Chief noted he administered the third impaired driving class for driver's ed at the school.

**Building/Insurance:** Alderman Richard is still working to get a quote on the city's risk insurance. He is also still waiting for a cost estimate for the city sign lighting from Walker Adams.

**Finance/TIF:** None

**Water:** Water and sewer have been run to the new townhouses.

**Sanitation:** None

**Streets/Alleys:** Alderman Miller had a request from Alderman Johansen for the city to replace the sidewalk in front of his house. Alderman Miller noted that Bill Elias indicated there is no more money in the budget, however, Alderman Johansen and Alderman Miller see \$3,000 still listed in the budget under that line item. Alderman Cole noted that it is customary for the city to pay for the concrete and the homeowner cover the rest of the expenses when it comes to sidewalks on private property.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Phelps to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 10/12/2015