

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL
October 12, 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.

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, Bob Spring, Donna Steffens, David Belvery and Barbara Bonvouloir.

Mayor led the council and public present in a moment of silence for recently deceased Mayor Heyworth, Larry Mowery.

It was moved by Alderman Phelps and seconded by Alderman Richard to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2015 council meeting with the following corrections: Diamond Brothers is from Pontiac not Chenoa and sidewalk replacement referred to in Committee Reports is in the city's right of way not private property. 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 \$32,048.07 Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Barbara Bonvouloir from Normal, moved to Lexington after her father passed away and she likes the community a lot. She noted that she has some ideas for a welcome wagon for new residents she'd like to help implement. Mayor will get back to her to discuss her ideas regarding this. She lives in the condo's near city hall and is the only tenant who does not have a parking space or garage. There are many times that she cannot park near her home and she is asking for the city to provide her with a designated parking spot. She is also interested in heading up a citizen's police academy of which she was a part of in Normal. This project will teach kids and residents what the police department is all about. Mayor is delegating the citizen's police academy to the Chief to explore. Discussion regarding the designated parking spot will be discussed later in the meeting.

Old Business:

City Insurance - Presentation: This is a liability insurance presentation rather than a health insurance presentation. Robert Spring, Vice President of Insurance Program Managers Group provided the council with a quote for the city's risk insurance. He noted that what sets them apart from other companies is the service platform that they provide and he handed out a booklet explaining those services. Mr. Spring fielded questions from the Mayor. Mayor encouraged committee chairs to encourage their committee employees to take on some safety job training.

New Business:

Main Street and Cedar Street Parking: Mayor has fielded complaints about how you can't see traffic when headed north on Cedar and turning West on Main. The question is to strip off the parking space in front of Farm Management on Main. Motion by Alderman Miller and

second by Alderman Phelps to stripe off and make no parking the first parking space on the Southeast corner of the intersection of Cedar and Main. Motion carries. Mayor asked the council's preference on reserving any spaces in front of the condominiums for resident parking only. Alderman Phelps is not opposed to the request but is afraid of the expectation it sets. Mayor is interested in looking into other parking options at this time.

Yield Sign on Spencer Street at Anvil: Motion by Alderman Phelps and second by Alderman Miller to purchase two yield signs, one for Orange Street and one for Spencer, and to stripe the prevailing traffic flow. Motion carries unanimously.

Donate Old PD computer at Camp Cilca: The police department has an old computer that is not being used. Chief sits on the Board of Directors for Camp Cilca, a not for profit organization, and he is asking to donate them there. Motion by Alderman Cole and second by Alderman Phelps to donate the old PD computer to Camp Cilca. Motion carried unanimously.

Establish Trick or Treat Hours 10/31 5pm to dark: Motion by Alderman Cole and second by Alderman Miller to establish trick or treat hours for October 31, 2015 from 5pm to 8pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Senior Citizens Turkey Dinner: Forward to the next meeting. Alderman Phelps will contact Helen Leak to find out who will be cooking it this year.

City Holiday Party: Alderman Phelps has offered to plan the city holiday party.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Noted an interesting debate in Springfield to enforce the requirement that city employees reside in the city. Mayor would really like to see more school employees live in town as well as the few city employees.

Police: Alderman Phelps noted that the Chief has reviewed all city ordinances to tighten them and has forwarded them on to the city's attorney for review.

Building/Insurance: Alderman Richard shared quotes for signage lighting for the new city signs. This item will be on the next agenda.

Finance/TIF: None

Water: Alderman Cole noted that the city employees will begin hydrant flushing starting Oct 22-29. Also, there is a pipe that takes water to the top of the tower. The bands holding the insulation on the pipe has corroded and has caused the insulation to fall. A company is going to come in and use stainless steel bands for around \$3,000. Guys have completed the digging for the car wash and the water has been run to the new apartments. Mounce is questioning the invoice sent by the city for the costs associated with running and tapping water for the car wash. Council would like to see an itemized invoice sent to him so he can see that the city did not bill for the employees' time and sold them materials at cost. Alderman Cole also noted that Farnsworth suggested that next year the tower be washed and in two more years they have recommended the tower be monitored for maintenance and eventually repainted and repaired.

Sanitation: Mayor noted that contract negotiations for sanitation should be starting soon for the new contract effective January 1st. Mayor will check with Alderman Johansen about his ability to continue with these negotiations.

Streets/Alleys: Alderman Miller spoke to Bill Elias and Mike Beard regarding the sewer backup out in North Park. Now that the field has been cleared they found a bunch of fire wood that had blocked the pipe. It has since been cleared. Spray patching streets has been completed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 10/26/2015