

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL
November 9, 2015

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:33 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 Johansen, Alderman Stover, and Alderman Richard. Alderman Phelps was absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Mike Beard, David Belvery, Billy Dubois, Don Cavallini, Katie Adams, and Walker Adams.

It was moved by Alderman Richard and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2015 council meeting with the following corrections: the Sales Tax Sharing Agreement with Barker Chevrolet will be known as Resolution 2015-7. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Stover and seconded by Alderman Cole to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$37,970.09 Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Old Business:

Welcome Sign Lighting Project: Alderman Richard indicated there is more research he needs to do with regard to the type of lighting for the signs and what Dave Thomas' family is anticipating the city to provide. Alderman Miller asked if the sign out West is close enough to the utility pole that the city could trench a wire from the pole to an electrical source in front of the sign. Walker Adams, in attendance at the meeting, indicated it would be something he would call Ameren and ask about.

Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Chestnut Street to Devore Landscaping: Motion by Alderman Johansen and second by Alderman Miller to pass Ordinance 2015-6 An Ordinance Providing for the Vacation of Part of Chestnut Street Located within Fell's Second Addition to the City of Lexington. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Ordinance Amending Water Billing Practices: Because the ordinance has not been created yet, this item will be deferred to the next meeting.

New Business:

Police Department Ordinances: Motion by Alderman Richard and second by Alderman Stover to approve Ordinance 2015-7 Amending Chapter 130, Section 7 of the code to require lights on bicycles under certain circumstances. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Alderman Cole and second by Alderman Richard to approve Ordinance 2015-8 amending Chapter 135 of the code for the purpose of adding new sections 46 and 47 pertaining to truancy and excessive absenteeism. Alderman Johansen disagrees with the changes being

made to truancy and feels the school should be doing more research into why these students won't go to school and feels the city should get involved in enforcing penalties on parents and students. Chief explained that, while the state still has a law about children attending school, they have removed the penalty making it impossible to hold truant children accountable. He noted that the police department's job is not to go door to door searching for students who have not attended school. The ordinance targets habitual offenders and is meant to support the school administrators when they have exhausted all other efforts to get them to school every day. Motion passed with a vote of 4 yes, 1 no.

Motion by Alderman Johansen and second by Alderman Miller to approve Ordinance 2015-9 amending Chapter 44. Sections 1, 2 & 3 of the code pertaining to animals. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Alderman Richard and second by Alderman Cole to approve Ordinance 2015-10 amending Chapter 234 of the code for the purpose of modifying provisions pertaining to inoperable and unused motor vehicles. Motion carries unanimously.

New Water Plant Main Install: Mayor distributed a chart outlining costs associated with various projects pertaining to the new water plant and potential savings that could be realized by having the city employees perform some of the work. Mayor is looking for the council to authorize the public works department to install the water main. City will purchase their own materials and use their own man power to utilize the savings in installing the 10" water main. Motion by Alderman Cole and second by Alderman Miller to authorize the city public works department to install the raw and finished water mains for the new water treatment plant. Motion carries unanimously.

Mounce Invoice Consideration: Mayor is asking the council to reconsider waiving some of the fees associated with running sewer and water lines for the new car wash. Mayor feels there may be some disappointment by the business owner that other businesses were given incentives or monetary breaks. Motion by Alderman Stover and second by Alderman Cole to waive the sewer tap on fee in the amount of \$1,500 for Mounce car wash. Motion carries unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Mayor noted that he met with school Superintendent, Dwight Stricklen, and feels they have made great progress in reducing the school's deficit. In considering when to do a property tax referendum, they are concerned with statewide property tax freezes that the governor is proposing. The TIF annual report has been completed and filed. Mayor received an invite to speak with the League of Woman Voters about some of the things the city has accomplished. Chief has asked about upgrading the phone system which would make leaving messages for the various departments a lot easier. Mayor circulated a mock up of the new brochures that will be printed and distributed in locations that could best target individuals who may be looking to relocate. Mayor noted that Sara Compton currently manages the city's website, and coordinates several citywide events, but has remarried and moved out of town. Mayor has been looking for someone locally to manage the website and has approached Katie Adams and Star Torkelson. The proposal the Mayor has suggested is to pay Star Sara's \$3,500 stipend and the city will exchange painting Katie's building in for a two year contract of her services helping Star with the local events.

Police: None

Building/Insurance: Alderman Richard noted that the insurance company is going to start their appraisals for the city's risk insurance.

Finance/TIF: None

Water: None

Sanitation: Alderman Johansen spoke with Republic Services and negotiated a contract for garbage and recycling. The rate will increase by \$.40 per home and they will also provide a recycling dumpster to the school at no charge.

Streets/Alleys: None

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Stover to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 11/23/2015