

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

February 8, 2016

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 Johansen, Alderman Stover, Alderman Meyer, and Alderman Richard. Members of the staff and public present were: Bill DuBois, Sue Noland and Dave Belvery.

It was moved by Alderman Johansen and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2016 council meeting and the minutes from the February 3, 2016 sanitation committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Stover and seconded by Alderman Meyer to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$160,208.64. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input:

Old Business:

Garbage service for new condos – Alderman Johansen plans to meet with Mr. Chaney to discuss options for garbage disposal at the condos, i.e., dumpster vs totes. After research of the garbage disposal code, an update to the code will be implemented.

New Business:

2016 Animal Control Intergovernmental Agreement – The city does not maintain a site to contain animals. When a loose animal/pet is found wandering, Danny McDaniels, the animal control officer, takes the animal/pet to the county at a cost of \$30.00 per animal. Per the city ordinance agreement the owner must pay the fees incurred to retrieve their pet. It was moved by Alderman Richard and seconded by Alderman Johansen to approve the animal control agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Culvert replacement at 8 Gregory Lane was completed at a cost of \$4,190.36. It was moved by Alderman Johansen and seconded by Alderman Cole to send a copy of the invoice to the homeowner. Motion carried unanimously.

Debt Ordinance for Water Treatment Plant #2016-3 – The Illinois EPA program offers a low interest rate of 1.9% to participate in the program. The council discussed the low rate of 4.9% versus other options under consideration. It was moved by Alderman Cole and seconded by

Alderman Miller to adopt the Debt Ordinance for Water Treatment Plant #2016-13. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Meyer has reviewed the manual regarding officer worn body cameras. Alderman Cole had concerns as to whether or not the Lexington Police Department would be in compliance with this law by May 1. Chief Belvery gave a summary of the process by which body camera recordings are submitted to the state. The law was implemented as of Jan 1, 2016 and Chief Belvery is waiting for information as to how the reporting should be submitted. The training and standards board use a form to complete the reporting which is submitted to the state's attorney office. Currently a DVD is submitted as evidence. Chief Belvery reported the Lexington Police Department has been in compliance with the program as of its inception.

Alderman Johansen was greeted by Lexington students during the placement of the recycle dumpster at the school. He also informed the council that he had received numerous thankyou notes from the students regarding the placement of the dumpster.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Mayor Mohr received an email from Larry Hundman regarding the detention basin which is a parcel of land in the Meadow Ridge Subdivision. Mr. Hundman is currently receiving the tax bill for this parcel. A transfer of this parcel from Mr. Hundman to the City of Lexington will be completed. Franchise agreements have been reviewed by Star Torkelson and Sue Noland. The terms of the franchise agreement with Nicor Gas may lead to a 50% increase in the franchise fee. Alderman Johansen met with the owner of Jack's Restaurant and determined they have the potential backing for the Lexington project. A check was delivered to the Lexington School District in the amount of \$90,000 as approved at the council meeting held on January 25, 2016. The next city council meeting scheduled for Feb 22, 2016 will start at 7:00 pm at which time the City of Lexington Tax Increment Financing District Joint Review Board will convene. Invitations to this meeting have been extended to representatives of the school district, fire district, library district, etc. The Mayor met with the Public Relations Committee comprised of Star Torkelson, Katie Adams, Spencer Johansen and Mary Beth Wright to promote PR for the City of Lexington. Mary Beth Wright, with Castle Gardens, is currently promoting concerts, weddings, gardens, etc. The mayor received a letter from Brett & Mike Freeman stating the pizza project has been postponed due to family issues. A check in the amount of \$30,000 was distributed to Wildwood Brewing owners, Fred & Heather Morris. The mayor met with developers who are interested in building a pharmacy in Lexington. Schnucks representatives were here to look at what is being proposed as the prospective location for the pharmacy. Mayor Mohr received and reviewed a report regarding pharmacy sales paid by residents to out of town pharmacies. Paper work on the old City Hall bldg. was received regarding the removal of contents prior to the sale of the property. The owner is anxious to close on the property. Cost of tearing bldg. down is yet to be determined.

Police: Alderman Meyer reported on the meeting held with Chief Belvery. He commented on the breakdown of citations: fine income is increasing, and ordinance fines. This combined income

exceeds the annual budget. Alderman Richard asked if city impound vehicles are in compliance with the state law. Chief Belvery said it appears the city is in compliance with this law. Next meeting will be held in Feb or March.

Building/Insurance: None

Finance/TIF: None

Water: None

Sanitation: None

Streets/Alleys: None

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Meyer and seconded by Alderman Miller to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Noland, City Treasurer

Approved: