

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

April 11, 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.

Roll call was taken to find the following physically present: Alderman Miller, Alderman Cole, Alderman Johansen, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Richard and Alderman Stover. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Jason Thomas, David Belvery, Audrey Speciale, Hannah Speciale, Robyn Speciale, Corbett Speciale, Bill Elias, Mike Beard, Dustin Carter, Kelly Gordon, and Tabor Aubry.

It was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Meyer to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2016 council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Stover and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$298,577.75. This amount includes \$225,000 which represents ½ of the city's annual EPA sewer loan payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Old Business:

City Sponsored Tram Rides for Red Carpet Corridor: Alderman Johansen noted that in order for the city's insurance carrier to cover the tram rides, drivers will have to certify that they are volunteer drivers for the City of Lexington. Motion by Alderman Johansen and second by Alderman Richard to make the Red Carpet Corridor tram rides a city sponsored event. Motion carried unanimously.

Lexington Showcase Committee Coupons: Jason Thomas noted that the committee understands that the city has a \$7,500 risk for carnival ticket sales and that the committee is looking for an alternative way to handle this at minimal risk to the city. He noted there are private donors willing to donate up to \$2,500 in ticket coupons; however, those private donors would like a guarantee from the city that once the \$7,500 is met and the city starts making a profit on additional sales, any money invested by donors will be refunded. Alderman Richard noted that he feels targeting the softball tournament families is not the way to go. Jason noted that Jacqui Miller and some other realtors are going to have a raffle of their own that can be entered by touring some of their open houses on the day of the Red Carpet Corridor. Part of their idea was to have the realtors take some of the carnival ticket coupons back to Bloomington and hand them out to their potential buyers. Alderman Stover likes the idea and feels it will bring more people to town. He would like to target mainly the realtors and also provide the realtors with the city's brochure about the town. Alderman Johansen agreed with Alderman Stover that he likes the idea of targeting the realtors. Mayor noted that he is ok with helping and feels about \$2,500 is what the city would have to contribute. Alderman Johansen expressed concern about guaranteeing \$2,500 worth of tickets to the committee with what the city is already on the hook for with the carnival company. He feels that since this is the first year for the carnival, he

recommends putting up no more than \$1,000 worth of tickets this year and, if the carnival is a successful, invest more in the committee next year. Motion by Alderman Miller and second by Alderman Stover to earmark \$2,500 worth of carnival tickets to be handed out from the Red Carpet Corridor up to the carnival date via realtors. Alderman Johansen recommends just handing out the actual ride tickets to the realtors so a coupon would not have to be made and there would be no concern for mass reproduction. Alderman Meyer expressed concern that local families are not forgotten and that advertisement is also done locally. Motion carried with 5 yes and 1 no.

New Business:

Swearing in of New Part Time Officer Corbett Speciale: Chief Dave Belvery swore in the new part time police officer, Corbett Speciale.

Hot Mix Projects: Bill Elias noted that some projects on the 2015/2016 budget are the paving of the parking lot (\$26,377) next to city hall, Cedar Street in front of the new apartments (\$7,500), and removing the bushes and paving the strip behind the doctor's office which will create another parking spot and also a better path for pedestrian traffic going thru the back door of Kemp's Upper Tap (\$2,300). Bill noted that the apartment garage approaches sit right on the property line and he recommends that those approaches be concreted instead of hot mixed and that price is \$5,500. Mayor would really like to see Chaney pay for the concrete approaches. Motion by Alderman Richard and second by Alderman Miller to approve all four projects listed at a cost of \$41,677 pending discussion with Chaney about paying for all or part of the \$5,500 concrete approaches for the garages. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution Authorizing Transfer of \$60,000 from General Fund to TIF Fund: This item was discussed at a previous council meeting. Motion by Alderman Richard and second by Alderman Miller to approve Resolution 2016-2 A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of \$60,000 from the General Fund to the TIF Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

FY 16/17 Budget: Mayor recommends approving the FY 16/17 budget as proposed reserving the water fund and TIF funds that will change when the water treatment plant bids come in. Alderman Richard recommends postponing voting on the budget until the next meeting to factor in vehicle replacement. Motion by Alderman Richard and second by Alderman Johansen to postpone the budget decision to the April 25 meeting. Motion carries unanimously. Alderman Meyer noted the items listed on the IMRF report are outdated and asked the guys to quickly update the list.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: None

Police: None

Building/Insurance: Alderman Richard noted that Risk Management is going to stop by at 10:00 am tomorrow to look around. He also feels there should be some other bids obtained for the firewall.

Finance/TIF: None

Water: Mike Beard discussed the pre-bid meeting for the water treatment plant. He estimated there were 15-20 different contractors. He noted that he is getting some bids to bore under South Street instead of open cut. Mayor asked Mike to discuss any expenses over and above engineering costs for the water treatment plant.

Sanitation: Alderman Johansen contacted Prairie Central about the old beat up garage. They are probably going to tear it down this summer. He has given up trying to work with Mustaali Carbaidwala and has asked the chief to issue some ordinance violations for the trash around the building. Chief did some research with other towns regarding solicitors.

Streets/Alleys: Alderman Richard noted that the city employees cleaned out the area on North Street being used by kids as a hang out to smoke pot.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Meyer to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 4/25/2016