

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**April 25, 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, Mary Beth Wright, Chuck Wright, David Belvery, Jon Kemp, Don Cavallini, Billy DuBoise

It was moved by Alderman Johansen and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the minutes from the April 11, 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 \$69,637.56. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Input:** Mary Beth and Chuck Wright updated the council on the Wedding Expo they held. It was a big success with over 200 attendees. Invitations have been sent for the plaque dedication ceremony during Red Carpet Corridor.

**Old Business:**

**Kemp's Upper Tap Street Fest Street Closing Request:** Jon Kemp asked to close Main Street between Cedar and Vine from 2 pm-1am on July 9<sup>th</sup> for his annual Street Fest. Motion by Alderman Cole and second by Alderman Miller to approve the street closings. Motion carried unanimously.

**FY 16-17 Budget:** Mayor passed out a revised budget which includes changes that were discussed at the last meeting. Motion by Alderman Miller and second by Alderman Cole to adopt the Fiscal Year 16/17 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

**Bids for Demo-105 Cedar Street:** Alderman Johansen noted that the city has closed on that building and his understanding was that once the city closed on it, the previous owner would not be allowed back on the property. The previous owner is currently there removing items from the property and Alderman Johansen asked to go on record noting that he is not comfortable with the old owner being in the building feels the city is liable if something were to happen to him. Mayor noted that the seller altered the sale/purchase agreement to state that he would be allowed back in to the property to remove more items and the Mayor feels that signed agreement shows he has assumed his own liability. Alderman Johansen volunteered to contact companies to get demolition bids.

**Motor Fuel Tax Proposal:** Street Superintendent, Bill Elias, circulated the motor fuel resolution that shows an \$82,000 appropriation. Motion by Alderman Richard and second by

Alderman Cole to approve the motor fuel plan and the appropriation in the amount of \$82,000. Motion carried unanimously. Bill noted he will use the money for 10 blocks of street sealing, some spray patching, rock for shoulders and alleys, chip for bleeding streets, cold patch for patching holes, salt, and concrete for sidewalks and four hot mix patches.

**City Historian:** Alderman Johansen recommends the council appoint John Colclasure as the city historian. Mayor recommends the appointment. Motion by Alderman Meyer and second by Alderman Johansen to appoint John Colclasure as the city historian. Motion carried unanimously.

**South Street Water Main Boring:** Billy Dubois noted they are ready to bore under South Street and they received a bid for \$16,900 from G.A. Rich. The bid includes everything and has less maintenance for the road going forward. Motion by Alderman Cole and second by Alderman Johansen to accept the bid from G.A. Rich in the amount of \$16,900 for boring under South Street. Motion carried unanimously.

**Evolution of Outstanding Debt:** Mayor met with a company called Bernardi Securities. Part of the original bond contract required the city to file an annual audit on an electronic reporting agency every year. Mayor thought Edward Jones was doing that every year but they were not. Bernardi Securities has offered to catch our reporting up at no cost. Their presentation for refinancing the bonds has the potential of saving the city \$3,500 a year and about \$56,000 over the life of the bond loan. Alderman Miller feels any time the city can find a means to save money, the council should act on it. Mayor will contact the sales representative and invite him to the next meeting to answer council questions.

**Contracts for Special Events Coordinator Positions:** Mayor drafted contracts for both Starlette Torkelson and Katie Adams for their work and compensation as Special Events Coordinators. Motion by Alderman Cole and second by Alderman Miller to approve the contracts and stipends for both Special Events Coordinators. Motion carried unanimously.

**Booster Club Sponsorship:** Ryan Rich asked Bill Elias if the city would be interested in sponsoring a hole at the booster club's golf outing at a cost of \$100 per hole. The event is being held at Wolf Creek Golf Club. Council members feel the city has sufficiently supported the school with taxpayer money and would prefer to each chip in their own private money to sponsor the hole as the Mayor and City Council members.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Mayor:** None

**Police:** Caleb Eckhoff is now working as a full time officer for the City, Corbett Speciale will begin training May 1 as a part-time officer.

**Building/Insurance:** Alderman Richard has volunteer forms for workers at the food pantry and for the Red Carpet Corridor. He also noted that word came back at the pre-bid meeting for the water treatment plant that running three phase electricity out to the water treatment plant has not been brought to Ameren's engineers as yet. Mayor indicated that he would contact Marty Behrens to discuss the three phase construction plan.

**Finance/TIF:** Alderman Stove noted that he received a TIF grant request from the management company that works with owner of the old Fireside building for the repair of the brick wall. Alderman Stover feels the TIF policies should be revised.

**Water:** None

**Sanitation:** Alderman Johansen and the Chief have reviewed solicitor policies from other towns and have agreed on one they like. It will be on a future agenda for discussion.

**Streets/Alleys:** Alderman Miller noted that he received a complaint from a constituent regarding the city's new phone system.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Richard and seconded by Alderman Miller to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 5/23/2016