

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL
May 23, 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.

It was moved by Alderman Johansen and seconded by Alderman Cole to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2016 and May 9, 2016 council meetings. 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 \$63,773.20. Alderman Johansen questioned how high the tax bill is for the old Wooden Hare building. After inspecting the invoice, it was discovered that Starlette Torkelson had paid the taxes for the entire year. Mayor noted that he will send a letter to the city attorney asking him to apply for an exemption now that the occupants are a not for profit organization. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

105 N. Cedar Street Asbestos Inspection: Alderman Johansen noted that the asbestos company came and took their samples and he is waiting on the report. No action required.

Accept Resignation of Steve Pearce from Planning Commission: Motion by Alderman Cole and second by Alderman Miller to accept Steve Pearce's verbal resignation as provided to city clerk, Melanie Kunkel, in the office. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Mayor noted that the audit began today. The ordinance which allow for the refinancing of the bond is nearly completed. It will be up for vote at the next meeting. He has met with the individual who wants to develop the corner of Cedar Street and he is still very interested. Sondra Wisdom contacted the Mayor asking for help paying for her new sign. Mayor explained the upcoming Appropriation Hearing to the council. Mayor saw a press release from the Once Voice trip the EDC takes that they were able to secure a \$1 million grant for mental health services. Mayor completed a prevailing wage report sent to him by the Department of Labor. He also received a call from John Colclasure that the grocery store has had some equipment failure of the coolers that hold dairy products. They are looking to the city for some help. Equipment cost is about \$4,000 and \$1,000 for labor. Mayor opened up the discussion to the council for recommendations. Alderman Stover and Alderman Meyer feel that since the council voted at the

last meeting to postpone any TIF grant money for six months, the council should stick to that decision. The rest of the council was in agreement.

Police: Alderman Meyer noted that Chief Belvery wrote a grant for over \$7,000 for the hard drive system that will house the recordings from the body and car cameras allowing them to be downloaded directly to that system. Alderman Cole asked when/if the council was going to enforce making the Chief move to town. Alderman Meyer noted that the Chief has been working without a contract for over a year now and that the Police Committee will need to meet soon to discuss contract terms.

Building/Insurance: Alderman Richard noted that the insurance company came and walked through the buildings and there were no big findings. They will put their report together of items that need to be updated. Alderman Richard noted that he checked on the expenditures of the food pantry volunteers. He noted that they have spent a little over \$1,700 of the \$3,000 the council has provided for updates and repairs. Alderman Richard expressed concerned that the plan they have to update the flooring is going to cost more than what is left in the budgeted amount. Alderman Meyer noted that Alderman Richard should remind them of the budget and ask them to make sure they stick to it. He did note that it does look really nice in there.

Finance/TIF: None

Water: None

Sanitation: Alderman Meyer congratulated Alderman Johansen on providing a nice tree dedication ceremony for the students at the school who lobbied the council earlier in the year to provide a recycling dumpster at the school.

Streets/Alleys: Alderman Miller noted that his brother has a small air or water jet truck that he's willing to allow the city to use instead of having to trench.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Meyer and seconded by Alderman Miller to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 6/13/2016