

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

June 13, 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, Dustin Carter, Michael Humer, Barb Humer, Ryan Lehner, Caitlin Lehner, Kelly Gordon, Shawn Gordon, Rick Lehner, Dianne Lehner, David Belvery, Walker Adams, Katie Adams, Sue Noland, Erica Kaiping, and Richard Eikenberg.

The Council and public members present observed a moment of silence for the victims of the Orlando shooting.

It was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Johansen to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2016 council meetings. 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 \$38,502.12. Alderman Johansen asked that check #23761 in the amount of \$1,237.53 be pulled out of the bills for further review. The invoice was for stone ordered by Mike Beard on behalf of the school for the repair of a wall. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Input:** Katie Adams addressed the council regarding the city sponsored carnival. She noted that it was a huge success despite the heat and she and the committee are already planning for next year. She noted that the coupon incentive program for out of town guests, which was funded by the city, did not work out as previously described to the council. The coupons were handed out in large quantities to elementary school students who redeemed them in large quantities at the ticket booth. This resulted in a large financial loss for the city. Katie asked that the council not consider any more incentive programs in the future. Mayor and the council thanked the Special Events Committee and volunteers for all the hard work in bringing a successful event to town.

### **Old Business:**

Consideration of an ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$975,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), of the City of Lexington, McLean County, Illinois, for the purpose of refunding certain heretofore issued and now outstanding Series 2013 Bonds of said City, prescribing all the details of said bonds, authorizing the execution of bond determinations and an escrow agreement in connection therewith and providing for the imposition of taxes to pay the same. Motion by Alderman Meyer and second by Alderman Miller to approve Ordinance 2016-5 authorizing the above described ordinance. Motion carries unanimously.

## **New Business:**

**Swearing in of New Part Time Officers:** Chief Dave Belvery swore in new Part Time Police Officers, Ryan Lehner, Kelly Gordon, and Mick Humer. Ryan Lehner is currently a part time officer in McLean County. Kelly Gordon is currently a part time officer in Colfax and Mick Humer is currently the Fire Chief for the City of Normal. All three officers live in Normal. There was a brief break in the meeting so council members could meet the new officers and their families.

**Business Builders Proposal:** Dick Eikenberg and Erika Kaiping provided the council with a proposal for continuing the city's branding, advertisement and website maintenance. Alderman Stover noted that he is not comfortable approving the new proposal until he does some research into how last year's contract with Business Builders has paid off up to this point. Alderman Meyer asked Mr. Eikenberg questions about the current proposal verses what the city has already paid for. He would like a little more time to research and understand what Business Builders has done for the city up to this point. Council did agree to approve the Website Maintenance Agreement as proposed. Motion by Alderman Cole and second by Alderman Richard to approve the Website Maintenance Agreement with Business Builders. Motion carries unanimously.

**Grocery Store Loan Request:** The owners of the grocery store purchased a new compressor for \$4,100 for the coolers. He noted that at the time he was in the process of refinancing the store and is low on cash. He is asking for a repayable loan in the amount of the cost of the compressor. Alderman Johansen expressed concern for what types of doors this will open in terms of other individuals or companies looking for loans in the future. No action on the request consistent with the previous decision to postpone any TIF requests for six months.

**105 N. Cedar Asbestos Report and Demo Bid:** Alderman Johansen circulated the asbestos report which showed some asbestos in the caulk around the windows. He is still waiting for a call back from the demo company as to what additional costs the city will incur to have the caulk removed and disposed of properly. Motion by Alderman Johansen and second by Alderman Cole to approve the demolition bid in the amount of \$19,500 with Accurate Site Specialists. Asbestos abatement costs will be dealt with as they come in. Motion carries unanimously.

**Advocate Medical Fencing Request:** Mayor received an email request from Terry Beard on behalf of the doctor's office adjacent to city hall. The request is asking for a 6 foot white vinyl fence to keep beer cans and cigarette butts discarded from the Upper Tap off their property. No action consistent with the council's previous decision to postpone TIF requests.

**Social Services Organizations Parade Request:** Mayor received an email from a rural resident asking to hold a parade on Main Street bringing awareness to the effect the state's refusal to pass a budget is having on social services in the area. Motion by Alderman Johansen and second by Alderman Cole to deny the parade. Motion carries unanimously.

**FY 16-17 Appropriation Ordinance:** Motion by Alderman Miller and second by Alderman Meyer to approve Ordinance 2016-4 for the Fiscal year 2016-2017. Motion carries unanimously.

**Prevailing Wage Ordinance:** Postponed to the next meeting pending the prevailing wage update from the State.

**Committee Reports:**

**Mayor:** None

**Police:** Alderman Meyer congratulated the chief for assembling a good police team. The chief discussed a bike helmet safety program he and the other officers will be hosting at the school on July 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 11 am. The program is free and participants will participate in obstacle courses, receive a free helmet, enter drawings for a new bike headlight, tail light or a \$100 gift card to be used toward the purchase of a new bike. There will also be free safety inspections on bikes and helmets. This program is being sponsored by State Farm, Anvil Brand, Mounce Automotive, Platform 322, Lexington 322, the Lexington Fire Department and Kemp's Upper Tap. Alderman Johansen thanked the chief for going above and beyond to help out with the carnival when they were shorthanded.

**Building/Insurance:** Alderman Richard noted he has provided all the employees with the liability insurance company's list of items that need to be corrected. Mayor asked Alderman Richard to help Tom Morrison with the Round-Up resistant weed growing on the land out by the water treatment plant.

**Finance/TIF:** None

**Water:** Alderman Cole noted pipe has been laid out to the water treatment plant.

**Sanitation:** Alderman Johansen thanked Walker Adams for all of his continued behind the scenes work at city sponsored events.

**Streets/Alleys:** Alderman Miller noted that he has received some thank yous from the Fire Department for the city's help in paving part of their parking lot.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Richard and seconded by Alderman Meyer to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 6/27/2016