

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

April 23, 2018

7:00 P. M.

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:00 P. M. by Mayor Spencer Johansen in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mayor Johansen led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken to find the following physically present: Mayor Johansen, Alderman Schreiber, Alderman Stover, Alderman Colclasure, Alderman Fosen, Alderman Richard and Alderwoman Wilson. Members of the staff and public present were: David Belvery, Walker Adams, Don Cavallini, Jon Kemp, and Bill Elias.

It was moved by Alderman Colclasure and seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2018 regular City Council meeting. Motion carried with five yes and one abstaining.

It was moved by Alderman Fosen and seconded by Alderman Stover to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay bills in the amount of \$30,455.76. It was noted that \$2,388.99 payable to Bob Brown was removed from the report until it was established what business was going to go into the building. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Bill Elias wanted to know if the hot mix bills were included in the Treasurer's Report this time. The answer was that they were included in the March 26, 2018 report.

Old Business: **Discussion/Vote 2018-2019 Budget** Mayor Johansen
thinks everyone did a good job in reducing the numbers in the budget.

Alderman Fosen has one change to make to the budget. The item is on page 6, at the bottom of the Water Expenses line item IEPA Loan Water Treatment Plant, \$334,000. It is \$134,000 towards the two semi-annual loan payments on the Water Fund and \$200,000 special principal payment from the existing Water Fund balance that we have been talking about for some time. A couple of years ago it was proposed that we would do a \$300,000 pay down towards the end of construction to get the payments down. We held off on that not knowing contingencies or other factors. As recently as the budget workshop, we were talking about how much we wanted to pay down towards that debt so the debt would be lower at the end of the TIF district, as the TIF district does help make that payment. Also in the budget process, we learned that four summers from now we will have \$200-\$240,000 Water Tower repairs that we had not anticipated. One last factor in the last three weeks is the first partial loan payment was due on that loan payment which will bring the ending balance on the Water Fund down approximately \$75,000. Given that we do have that expense coming up in four years, the Water Fund is pretty close to breakeven. He doesn't think the original \$300,000 pay down is

appropriate. He does not think that the \$200,000 that he put in the budget is appropriate. He suggests that the one line item should be reduced by \$50,000. That would be \$150,000 special payment sometime in the budget year, with the caveat that he thinks the first \$100,000 would be something that we would look to do by this fall, and we would hold off on the \$50,000 decision thru our normal deliberations and with input from the whole Council before we go ahead and do that last \$50,000. That is Alderman Fosen's recommendation.

They will not re-amortize the loan so the only benefit to paying down on the loan is we would be ahead of schedule a little under \$1.5M at the end of the TIF district. Part of the conversation during the Water Plant construction process was communicated to the community that the money in the Water Fund would be used as a pay down toward that debt not knowing that these debts would be coming up. Alderman Fosen is asking that we go from the \$300,000 promised to pay down to \$100,000 promised with maybe another \$50,000. With those levels we would be on schedule to be in the neighborhood of a \$500,000 balance in the Water Fund four years from now when we need to make those repairs. The line item would change to \$284,000 and the subtotals will change as well.

Alderwoman Wilson agrees with this thought process and change.

It was moved by Alderman Fosen and seconded by Alderman Stover to approve the 2018-2019 Budget as printed with the revisions as discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Vote ICOPS Contract

Mayor Johansen got a signed copy of the contract today and has reviewed it and it is accurate. It is a good contract and has everything that we asked for in the original meeting and is beneficial to all. Chief Belvery thought it was a much better contract than the last one. He is happy with it and feels it is amicable for both sides.

Motion was made by Alderman Richard and seconded by Alderman Colclasure to accept the ICOPS contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Vote Closed Minute Review

Closed minutes review was completed by Alderman Richard and Alderman Stover in February. This report was last done in August 2017 and nothing has changed since then and no closed meetings were held. There was only one meeting of note and nothing to be released and still ongoing projects.

Motion was made to leave all minutes closed by Alderman Richard and seconded by Alderman Stover to approve the Closed Minute Session Review. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Surplus Property

Attorney Shields was to have the paper work done on the old Water Plant but Mayor Johansen has not received it yet. We will hold off on separating the old Water Tower from the old Fire Station parcels.

New Business:

Kemp's Upper Tap – Street Closing

Jon Kemp is asking the Council's permission to close Main Street on Saturday, July 14, 2018. He would like to close the street at 2:00 p.m. They will be going until 1:00 a.m. with music going until 12:00 a.m. like he has done in the past. He would like to close Main Street from Vine Street to Cedar Street and the City parking lot that goes to his beer garden for porta potties. He will put the barricades up again. It will be the exact same foot print as last year. He will close the street at 2:00 pm but will not open the gates till 7:00 p.m. which gives him ample time to set up. He was about 12 short on barricades last year and had to borrow from the coliseum and will borrow again this year. He would like to purchase 12 more after this year, so we don't have to haul them from out of town and the City can use them too. He is planning on having two different bands.

Motion was made by Alderman Fosen and seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to approve the closing of Main Street on July 14, 2018 starting at 2:00 p.m. to the close of business at 1:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Motor Fuel Tax Resolution 2018-1

The resolution will be

for \$52,500.00.

Bill Elias has a breakdown on what the City actually does with this money. Normally street sealing is in there, it is not in there this year. We usually do \$25-\$30,000 in street sealing, the streets are in good shape except for the sewer dishes. We are going to do about \$28,000 in HMA patching. He has to go out for bids for that. When he goes out for bids, it has to go thru IDOT, between IDOT and the union we lose 28%. He will continue doing the \$19,500 and getting the same work done, it will take a few more years to fix those sewer patches. There is more paperwork to do as well when IDOT and Farnsworth are involved. As long as he stays under the \$20,000 he can designate what he wants done and when the money runs out he knows next year he is on to the next stretch of road. He tries to do the worst ones first. Spray patching is when he goes around and spot patches, \$900 is the rock for that. We haul the rock in and they put it down. \$300.00 is for bleeding since we have paved North Park he only chipped one time last year so that is more than he will use. . He cut back on that Sidewalks by half. Alderman Fosen and Bill were talking that we bring in around \$50,000 a year in our Motor Fuel Fund and this year we will be in the black. Next year we may need to seal more and go back to the \$25,000 or \$30,000 like we did last year. Actual estimated cost is \$47,700 but then they add their percentage into the resolution to bring it to \$52,500.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Stover to approve Resolution 2018-1 For Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code Motor Fuel Tax. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Johansen passed out a sign-up sheet to work two hour shifts at the City booth during the Red Carpet Corridor on Saturday, May 5, 2018. The City has a booth every year and he is asking that we have two people in the booth starting at 9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. Whoever has the morning shift may need to help set up the tent. It was decided that the Council would not need to help with the cookout that evening.

Mayor Johansen has met with Casey's. They looked at the property. He also met with the County about an exit on P.J. Keller Hwy. and was not encouraged by that meeting but felt he was not done meeting with the County. The property is located as you turn into Wirtz way, the first lot on the East side. It is early and things can change. He is optimistic.

He has had some interest in some property of Hanson's and Chaney's . He had a call yesterday, from a company called Wabash Valley Power Assoc. They broker with companies looking for property along the interstates. They were wanting a proposal that had to be in Thursday. I have been working on that. It's a long shot. Alderman Fosen and I talked, we sent one in before, and we don't want them to think we are not interested. It is pretty much the same information we submitted before so I should have it done tomorrow.

He hasn't done committee assignments yet. If anyone wants to change committees or head a committee let me know within the next couple of days so I can finish that up. If not, he will probably leave everything the same.

Mayor Johansen met with Fred Moressette and realizes we have had some difficulties communicating with him. What he suggested to him was that we set up a meeting in about 10 days with the Finance Committee to try to get this resolved so it doesn't go any farther than it is right now. Fred has done a lot of work and he was impressed with what he had done.

Alderman Fosen thinks we need to assess when it is going to be a viable business and then talk about where we go from there.

Everything is going good with the Red Carpet. There are 175-200 signed up for the barbeque so far. All the local restaurants are suppling the sides. All of them were eager to volunteer.

Police:

None

Building/Insurance:

Alderman Richard reported that they were still getting bids and particulars on the storage building. Also checking zoning requirements.

Finance/TIF:

Alderman Fosen and Mayor Johansen are trying to decide what to do with the Brewery.

He believes there will be a clean-up revision at the next Council meeting on DaT Bar TIF approval that has been pending for quite some time. He believes we have a proposal to clean that up and document it and go forward on that one.

Bob Brown is starting is to move forward in completing remodel and finding a tenant for Willie Anderson's old station which is also pending approval. That also need documenting.

He also has another pending application.

Water/Sewer/Sanitation: None

Street/Alley: None

Alderwoman Wilson remarked that with the nicer weather and the kids out on the street she would like to see some enforcement of the speed limits. Mostly on Kenneth Street as they are going to baseball practice. Chief Belvery wanted to know what time of day this was as he patrols during the day and has not noticed this. The time was established as 4:30-7:00 p.m. Chief Belvery will start having a car patrol that area more.

There being no further business motion was made by Alderman Fosen to adjourn at 7:34 P.M. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pati Pease

City Clerk

Approved: May 14, 2018

