

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL**SEPTEMBER 25, 2017****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, Alderwoman Wilson, Alderman Colclasure, Alderman Richard, Alderman Stover and Alderman Fosen. Members of the staff and public present were: Don Cavallini, David Belvery, Ariana Martino (Invenergy), Teresa Trella (Invenergy), Mike Beard, Billy Dubois and Tom Morrison.

It was moved by Alderman Colclasure and seconded by Alderman Fosen to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2017 regular City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Fosen and seconded by Alderman Stover to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay bills in the amount of \$36,106.10. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Old Business: Ongoing discussion on Invenergy: Invenergy is still moving along with getting their land permitting and would like to be done before the end of the year.

When does Invenergy anticipate going to the county for their permits? December is their anticipated date. They will need to know where the turbines will go before they can go to the county for permits. They will also need to have the City of Lexington's Resolution signed before they go to the County.

The council believes they must have a public hearing before they can decide about placement of the turbines. Council will check with Tom before we can have a public hearing and a change of venue. We want to know where they are going to go before we make a decision. Invenergy will stay away from where we are planning to expand but will not give a specific location. Invenergy needs to come up with an altered map for the hearing. Do we want them here, or here, or not here or not here? We are only looking at 1 ½ mile radius of the City. In the end the land owner has the choice of whether to put it in or not. For the town in general, our say so is, are there directions that we are comfortable with? Invenergy is not willing to tell us where they will go, the Mayor would prefer to be able to see the targeted area.

What is the takeaway from the hearing going to be? What is the input of the 1 ½ mile boundary?

Consideration/Vote on Cameras for City Hall: The resolution for night vision for the cameras that the Chief will get will not be high quality cameras. There is not much light on the west side of the building but every camera is an IR camera. He has decided to include an interior camera in the purchase. You can possibly catch someone and can identify someone with these cameras. Better cameras will capture facial recognition and license plates. It is a deterrent just having them up.

It will not make that much difference on our insurance premium. The cameras should help deter the thefts in the parking lots. It would cost \$17000 for high quality cameras in the lobby and police department that the insurance has asked for. The Mayor agrees with installing a lobby camera. Whether we good picture or not, we will get a time to build an investigation around, and a good pic will give a height, weight and build of a person. Motion made by Alderman Richard and seconded by Alderman Colclasure to spend up to \$2000 for cameras for City Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration/Vote on Closed Minutes Session Review Resolution 2017-6 No changes. This report was last done in April 2017 and nothing has changed since then and no closed meetings were held. Motion was made by Alderwoman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Stover to approve the Closed Minutes Session Review Resolution 2017-6. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Mayor's Report: Governor's visit went really well. I don't know how many people we had but there were 235 motorcycles and a good turnout on the public side. Governor Rauner said it was the best turnout since he has started his ride and he was very impressed with Lexington. We sold over \$500 in pins and T shirts, we have ordered more T-shirts. I thought the veterans looked very good.

We had an incident with Well 8 and some of the local wells around were pumped low. Local well drillers wanted us to test the well and pump and test static levels. Well eight was pumping around 800,000 gallons of water a day. We did pump some wells low because our well was deeper than their wells. When we became aware of the problem we shut well eight off. We paid for repairs and a new pump for Breese's and have put in an airline so we can monitor it. We also lowered Jim Morrison's. This was an unfortunate incident and we did everything we could do to make sure they had water.

What I would like to see is the water/sewer/sanitation committee get together to see what we can do if we have additional problems. I feel that someone other than the City should be held accountable. I questioned why we were not checking the static levels every day. Tom is working on some type of document to give to people, the steps that will take should it happen again. Breeses were more than happy what the City has done.

I am meeting with someone about the property behind Barkers. He wants to put storage units. He wants to put up two buildings with three units per building. He will buy the property off of Reese.

Kelly Tobin is coming along nicely. He hopes to be open about the first two weeks of October.

Casey's has questions about the property. They are in the process of moving their offices. They had questions about the property that the Mayor could not answer.

Police: None

Building/Insurance: They are still working on property and equipment value and will get back to us.

Finance/TIF: I've been thinking about the tax levy. Last years was \$171.100. As it stands right now the rate setting EAV is \$30,168,325. If this rate stays the same, our tax rate will be fine. If we leave this rate where it stands, no increase or hold the line, we need do nothing, but an increase of more than 5% will mean a public hearing. We need to address this by November and have it in to the County by the end of December.

Water/Sewer/Sanitation: The water treatment plant is 96% done. All employees are taking training this week and also doing testing now. The grand opening is set for May 4, 2018. They were working on irrigation today.

Street/Alley: None

There being no further business motion was made by Alderman Colclasure to adjourn at 7:54 P.M. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pati Pease

City Clerk

Approved: October 9, 2017