

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL**June 10 2019****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 Schrelber, Alderman Stover, Alderman Franklin, Alderman Richard, Alderman Colclasure and Alderwoman Wilson. Members of the staff and public present were: Kenneth Sours, Brandon Lacey, Dottie Pignotti, Charles A. Bradford, Kyle Bradford, David Belvery and Ben Klein.

It was moved by Alderman Colclasure and seconded by Alderman Franklin to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019 regular City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Stover and seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to approve the Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$88,910.83. It was noted that this amount contained \$70,000 to pay for the new water meters. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Old Business:**New Generation 9-1-1 Address Changes Brandon Lacey - Discussion Only**

Brandon Lacey from the McLean County E911 started the discussion by saying that the City of Lexington is great about doing what it needs to do to protect the City.

Your cell phone can get you where you are going. It knows where you are at within a 15-300 meter range. That is a radius 3 times the size of a football field. The National Emergency Numbers Association has worked with the federal government to outline what is required for Next Generation E911. What is the value of 911 and how can we improve it? You call enhanced 911 from a landline and we can get your name and address and it tells us where the emergency is at, you call from a cell phone and we can tell within 300 meters where you are at. If someone has a stroke and is unable to talk, with the New Generation E911 first responders will be able to go right to their location.

Brandon also cited an example of a school shooting where first responders were able to follow a student through the building with the student's cell phone. Not only where they are at but here is where they are moving to. Another example was at a stadium such as the United Center, they will be able to pinpoint right down to a seat number through this system. From a college dorm

they will be able to tell from what floor and what room. In order to get to this point we will have to have the map data correct and consistent.

The older flip phones will work with this system. All phones after a certain date have the GPS data in them.

Mayor Johansen asked him to go into how we got some wrong addresses and how we are going to change them.

Every city, village or town has had some form of error. In the beginning was when E911 came to McLean County it was suggested to all that the appropriate area that they take a look at all these addresses and fix them. Next Gen came out, Illinois is the 5th state to go live with it, and as we are going thru, I sit with each mayor, take a look at the wrong addresses. Depending on the city, some choose to use an outside entity going thru checking addresses, going thru street by street, address by address, and checking for errors. All odd and even numbers are to be on the same side of the street. North or South, East or West. Then the streets needed to be identified if they went in order from your dividing streets, for example going 100-200-300 blocks East or West of the dividing street or North and South of the dividing street. Following your addressing 101 should be on one side of the street and 102 should be on the other side. There are areas that obviously doesn't happen. Lexington has around 125 errors.

The question was asked what are some of the reasons for the errors.

One area is the Northeast part of town where the road curves. The clarification on this was that it was Delane Drive in the North Park subdivision. That is an East and West side of the road issue. In that situation, his suggestion was that instead of changing everybody's address on that street is to cut off where it stops being an East West road and becomes a North South road and just change the addresses on that part of the street. So you are impacting as few of the residents as possible. Brandon has the list of addresses from Farnsworth and will go through it to see what he thinks is the best way to implement this with the least impact to the fewest amount of people possible.

No one has been notified yet as that is the City's responsibility. Brandon's position is to advise and he is responsible for all unincorporated areas of McLean County. He is providing a service to the City by working with you to help you find that information to get the addresses changed free of charge. What he is doing because he already has contacts at the utility companies, post office and the assessors, that once you notify the residents, once he receives a copy that is done, then he is turning around and sending it to all those companies, so you do not have to worry about that. In addition, for those residents that is one less person that they will have to reach out to change their address. The only thing they will have to do with the assessor, there is a change of mailing address form. They require a resident to change.

The question was asked if there was no possibility that the County could handle it on their side. The answer to that is no. This is your emergency address. This is the one that first responders will be looking for.

Alderman Stover stated GPS is defined by coordinates and GPS can find an address. Brandon stated that you are still missing aspects of the person's ability. It delays response time of the first responders. Lexington Fire and Ambulance is going to know where to find you, Police Department is going to know, but Colfax Ambulance or another McLean County first responder is not going to be able to find you.

These address errors have been identified. You are now aware that you have errors. Every avenue has been exhausted to find ways to make it work. What liability does the City face?

The question was asked how Google Maps overcame that they are not in this format. Brandon stated that Google Maps is wrong the majority of the time.

The question was asked how on one day are we supposed to get all of our mail switched over to the new address. Brandon understands that it is a frustrating process and he is here to help. The Post Office is aware of the changes and the one in charge here is very good at making sure you guys get taken care of.

Here is another option as far as what you do with the address numbers, there might be another option, it would still be switching you from even to odd, or odd to even. The question was asked if it was possible to override these changes and the answer was that it was not.

It was felt that this post office has zero flexibility and can hardly get mail to an address that has had the same address for 20 years. Brandon will tell you that the person in charge has been very helpful with the situation in other towns and he will work with her to make sure we have a smooth transition. The Post Office is not in charge of the addresses. He will take the responsibility the Post Office will do what they are supposed to do as far as forwarding the mail.

The question was asked that if we have until July of 2020 why can't we phase these addresses changes in over a period of time. Brandon's suggestion was to do it all at once and get it done and over with, but he is not telling you you could not do that. The more you phase that in the more mistakes you have with the Post Office.

The City is the one sending the letter, he is the one from 911 saying here is what is coming, but it is the State of Illinois that is saying here is what it is. After he goes thru your list he may be able to shrink the number of address changes that you have. He is doing everything he can to shrink that number.

Brandon has a list of utilities that he will notify. Other bills that residents have are to be notified by the residents which usually have a change of address form in their statements with a fax number that you can fax them your change of address stating that on a certain date your

address will change. On your driver's license you have 10 days to change your address with the DMV and can be done online. FOID card is 30 days and can be changed online.

Mayor Johansen thought we might move the start date from August 1st to September 1st but thought the Lexington residents would not have a problem with this. They will realize why we are doing this and will work with us to get this done, They may not like it, we may not like it, but they will get it done. He knows firsthand and Chief Belvery and Alderman Colclasure can tell you when you are driving around you have time to look at the addresses but when you are responding to a 911 call when someone's life is threatened you do not have time to look at the addresses. We can argue that we don't agree with how it is set up but it is the best system that we have and the only system that we have. He would recommend that once we get the final list, we move the start date to September 1st and follow thru with the letters.

Brandon should be finished with the list this next week.

The question was asked if we are responsible for the cost of the drivers license, etc. Brandon answered that decision was up to the city.

City Employee Policy Manual - Discussion Only

Mayor Johansen is going to download this on google drive so everyone has access to it. The public works guys are still looking it over.

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Mayors Report: Mayor Johansen reported nothing new on Caseys. They are proceeding on their end. They have Farnsworth out of Champaign as their engineer and we have Farnsworth out of Bloomington so we are getting some information from them that looks positive. They are still scheduled to close on October 14th with construction starting on October 15th.

Talks are still going forward on the apartment complex, we are looking at a couple of different locations and are talking of including a possible residential subdivision in part of that. The next meeting is in July. He wants to create a calendar on the computer so when he sets up these meeting those of you who want to attend will know when they are.

He has gotten a letter from the auditor that the city has used for several years and he has been charging us \$5,500 to do the audit. He comes from Southern Illinois past Springfield, and we got a letter that their price is going to go up to over \$11,000. He has contacted a firm out of Bloomington that specializes in municipal audits and does a lot of the towns around here and their price is right around \$7,000.

He has heard from Fred at the brewery and he is doing some upgrading on the electrical work in the basement that should be completed in about 14 days. Once that's done he should be able to brew 364 gallon batch of beer. Still no update on the opening date.

Update on Checkers, he passed the picture around of what the finished building would look like. The final plans will be out Wednesday so we will have by the next meeting. They do not have a breakfast menu but whoever has the franchise can add a breakfast menu, and Mayor Johansen believes they want to do that.

The state budget that passed, he doesn't know how that will affect the city. He did get some information on it. Some of the things the governor has signed, he would like for the councilmen to look at it because we are going to have to make a decision before long on the cannabis laws. He has already had some discussion about someone wanting to open a dispensary in Lexington. One of the things in that bill is that we can opt out and say we do not want any in town, or we can set a number on it, or we can control it by licensing them and we can even add a tax on it. We could say we are not going to deal with it but some other town would pick up the revenue off of it. If we allow it, he thinks we should license them like we do our liquor license and should set a limit on how many we allow in town.

Mayor Johanson will be working from home for the next four weeks but will be available by phone and email.

Police: Chief Belvery related about how happy he is to work in a small town. He and Officer Schulz went out for 2 hours to 10 businesses and nine of them donated off the bat and fully funded the program and a little more than he expected. Each child will get a helmet, reflective stripes, lights on their bikes, free lunch at Subway. And there is enough money for a grand prize of one boy and one girl to each get a brand new bike. The program was completely funded. However, he needs help on the day of the event, whether we put this on the web site, at the school, send it out, or call the parents. He is looking for people to help them on that day as they have several stations and the more they keep it flowing, the more help they have, they can get all the children thru and have a fun day. They have stickers for them to decorate their helmets. They were able to get purple helmets. The 13th of July from 9-11 we will be up at the school on the west side of the building. Just email Chief Belvery and let him know.

Officer Schulz is in training and he should be out fairly soon.

Mayor Johansen again wanted to complement Chief Belvery on the programs like this is what makes Lexington special. He has really been reaching out to the youth and working with them and he applauds him for that.

Building/Insurance

None

Finance/TIF: Alderman Stover is working on the Appropriation Ordinance and should be finished by the next meeting.

Water/Sewer/Sanitation: Alderwoman Wilson reported that Billy is still installing about 10-12 new water meters a day.

Street/Alley: Alderman Colclasure stated that they have been busy picking up tree branches and other projects such as the street lights on P. J. Keller Hwy. Alderman Colclasure will be filling in for the Mayor on Tuesday at Kelly's on 66 when there is a motorcycle group coming thru town with a stop at Kelly's.

Mary Johansen also has the first site plan for Casey's if anyone would like to look at it.

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Stover to adjourn at 8:13 P.M. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pati Pease

City Clerk

Approved: