

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL****April 26, 2021****7:00 P. M.**

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

Clerk Pease led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken to find the following physically present: Alderman Stover, Alderwoman Wilson, Alderman Franklin and Alderman Colclasure. Alderman Schreiber was attending remotely and Alderman Richard and Mayor Johansen were absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Kenneth Sours, Vern Owens and Officer Scott.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Stover to elect Alderman Franklin Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderwoman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Colclasure to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 regular City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the March 8, 2021 closed session meeting were tabled until the next council meeting.

It was moved by Alderman Stover and seconded by Alderman Colclasure to approve the Treasurer's Report and paying of the bills in the amount of \$372,527.02. It was noted that this amount included Water and Sewer loan payments. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Input:** Vern Owens returned to the council to ask if Mayor Johansen had responded to his issue from the last council meeting. NiCor Gas was supposed to move the gas line on May 7th and wanted to know if the City could use the same hole to move the water line. The response to this was that the City could not use the same hole to run a new water line but would have to come from behind in the alley. That is a separate line. This issue was on the agenda.

**Old Business:****Discussion/Vote Vern Owens Water Line Issue**

Alderwoman Wilson led this discussion by stating that they had gotten an estimate to do this work. Cost of boring was \$1,555 and material was \$530 for a total of \$2,085 not including labor.

That would take the line along the back of the property and down the alley behind Bill Eilias Sr.'s property.

The question was, who is responsible to pay this? Mr. Owens would like to build a garage on this property but Mike Beard has told him he could not due to there not being a house there.

Alderman Stover felt we should not do the work till Mr. Owens was prepared to put a building up. If he is prepared to put a building on it, then come to us but just to spend the money to be spending the money he did not feel was feasible.

Alderman Stover feels that there was no way that was put in without an agreement between the two parties before that water line was put in. Mr. Owens says at one time there was an agreement but neither side has been able to produce it. He is asking the City for assistance in having the water line removed.

Alderman Stover feels that if the work is done, Mr. Owens will share in the cost. His question was, do we do the work now or wait till we need to do the work. Mr. Owens agreed to pay  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the cost and says it was done with no knowledge of him or his dad and was put in before the 1980s. The City has no record of the water line because it is on private property.

Alderman Stover feels there is no pressing need to get it done as he can't put a building on the lot. Mr. Owens says he may put a house on that lot.

He has already taken the next step and put in litigation which is on hold until tonight. Papers are already drawn up and a lawsuit against Elias.

Alderman Colclasure feels we cannot pass anything now with a pending litigation.

Motion was made by Alderman Colclasure and seconded by Alderman Stover to table Vern Owens water line issue until such time as litigation is resolved and/or building permits are issued. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Discussion/Vote Quonset Building Revisit Options**

Alderman Franklin felt he had not made himself clear at the last meeting what we were voting on was not the full repair of the quonset hut but was only to the end doors to make it usable and not having the insulation and paint outside of the building to make it look nicer. Alderman Colclasure and Mayor Johansen would like to do the whole thing because of appearances. His motion was to get something started and recognize that some people didn't want to spend all the money right away.

Alderman Colclasure agreed that we needed to get out of the buildings around the Park and he saw that we were going to do the insulation and painting in September or October. He agreed that we needed to do what was necessary right now.

The question was whether we need to heat and insulate it for storage. The answer was it could wait till fall to do that. The expense would be in the same budget year.

**New Business:**

**None**

A question was asked about the brick building next to the Shake Shack. That although it had no water, was it possible to use it for storage and make some money off of it? It has been put in the paper that we are looking for interested parties to purchase the property.

A question was also asked about where 102 W. Main was located which is the empty lot around the Park. Again this property has been put in the paper that we are looking for interested parties to purchase the property.

**Committee Reports:**

**Mayors Report:** None

**Police:** None

**Building/Insurance** None

**Finance/TIF:** Alderman Stover reported that he hopes to get with Star and Mayor Johansen this week to get a preliminary budget to send out. We will not try and approve anything till we have the final numbers from this year. The EAVs continue to be down. Our TIF EAV is holding but our overall rate for the county is down and it quickly takes off numbers around \$40-\$50,000. It still impacts our numbers from the last quarter. He is trying to break out the effect Casey’s has had on our numbers there. Overall the numbers seem optimistic. He feels this is another year where we want to watch our numbers.

**Water/Sewer/Sanitation:** None

**Street/Alley:** None

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderwoman Wilson to adjourn at 7:30 P.M. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pati Pease

City Clerk

Approved: May 10, 2021