

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 2, 2020

12:00 P. M.

The special meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order by Mayor Spencer Johansen in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken to find the following physically present: Mayor Johansen, Alderman Stover, Alderwoman Wilson, Alderman Colclasure, Alderman Richard and Alderman Franklin with Alderman Schreiber attending remotely.

Discussion/Vote pertaining to the Bids on Douglas Drive North: Mayor Johansen started the discussion by stating that the bids for just the road itself were opened on Tuesday. McLean County Asphalt came in with the lowest bid at \$311,445.44. Keep in mind that this is not the total cost of the road, we have some added costs to that. We will have additional costs of moving the dirt, that was the original plan and David Leake has been doing that. We need to test the ground, every time they have to do a compaction test, that is another \$15,000. The culvert is around \$5,500 or a little less. Alderman Stover had a budget number in mind.

Alderman Stover thought that if we accepted the bid we would still have the opportunity to negotiate the price on what else needs to be done. The more we do the less it costs. We would have the opportunity to provide the dirt. There are things we could do possibly to reduce the cost. This will cost somewhere between \$350-\$450,000. We will budget on the higher end just to be safe. We have the agreement with David Leake for the dirt work for his part which comes to about \$50,000. That could run into more if he needs more equipment or people. We need to get that finished by August. That's all built in there. The low end is \$350,000. That's taking the McLean County Asphalt bid, working it with David Leake and setting the culvert. We will be working our way up from there.

Mayor Johansen added that we have worked with Mclean County Asphalt before and have a good working relationship with them and they know that the bid they gave us, there are some line items on there that we can do at a lower cost. We will meet with them and go over that. He can not give a total until they go over that.

Mayor Johansen knows the total number is higher than was first anticipated but that is the cost of doing business.

Mayor Johansen did talk to Casey's and they are still moving forward.

Alderman Stover wanted everyone to know that this is the market at this time. The state has contracted all their road and bridge work. All the prices have almost doubled. Our whole budget is out of line.

Mayor Johansen also commented that another savings on our part was we were able to secure the pile of dirt behind Wirtz. We had it tested and it is good for the road. He signed the contract and sent it to Wirtz to sign. That's a savings for us. We don't need to truck any dirt in, if you recall we have already spent \$20,000 just on hauling. It was free dirt from Fairbury.

Motion was made by Alderman Stover and seconded by Alderman Franklin to accept McLean County Asphalt's bid pertaining to Douglas Drive. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business: Mayor Johansen asked the council members to check their city email at least every day. With everything going on he is getting a lot of emails from the Illinois Municipal League and he is going to start forwarding some of it to them.

He and Alderman Stover have talked about anticipated revenues. The state is saying they expect a 20% decline in revenues coming in. That was last week and it will probably increase as this goes on. There are some serious issues we are going to have to face and deal with.

The question was asked if the delayed tax payments would affect our revenues. To which the answer was yes but we did not know how much since we did not know the duration of the delayed payments. Alderman Stover thought that without being able to estimate revenues, we would need to slash spending back bare essentials and save as much money as we can for emergencies.

Mayor Johansen stated that the Illinois Municipal League had asked the governor to delay the deadline for budget and appropriation but Alderman Stover was still going to put something together so the guys had something to work from.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Alderman Franklin to adjourn at 12:23 P. M. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pati Pease
City Clerk

Approved: April 27, 2020