

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

January 25, 2021

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 Stover, Alderman Richard, Alderman Colclasure and Alderwoman Wilson. Alderman Schreiber and Alderman Franklin were attending remotely. Members of the staff and public present were: Kenneth Sours.

It was moved by Alderman Colclasure and seconded by Alderman Richard to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 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 \$72,242.87. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Old Business:

Discussion/Vote Ordinance 2021-2: Ordinance Approving Plat of Survey dated November 14, 2019 for Lots 5 and 6 in Block 20 in the Original Town of Lexington and for vacating a part of Center Street as Shown on Plat of Survey

This divides the parcels into four parcels and vacates part of Center Street. Where those buildings are built on the corner, they are actually partially built on Center Street, that is why we need to vacate part of Center Street. We still have the main part of Center Street where all the well lines are going underneath. Center Street does not necessarily need to remain a street but it must remain a greenway. We have two large water lines that go out to the water tower.

Motion was made by Alderman Stover and seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to approve Ordinance 2021-2: Ordinance Approving Plat of Survey Dated November 14, 2019 for Lots 5 and 6 in Block 20 in the Original Town of Lexington and for vacating a part of Center Street as Shown on Plat of Survey. Motion carried unanimously.

Before the vote was taken a question was asked if the zoning classification had to be changed before the documents were filed? Mayor Johansen replied that yes they had to be changed before filing. He will get the zoning classified first thing tomorrow. As long as we get it classified before we file it and we need to wait 10 days before we file it.

Mayor Johansen commented that back in 2017 we approved selling this by passing an ordinance. We never did go through with it. At this point he thinks we are ready to start taking bids for them. He will get that notice in the paper as soon as we can. We don't have to accept any bids. We will put a deadline sometime in March.

New Business:

Discussion ICOPs Contract

Alderman Richard led the discussion by stating that he had contacted Norm Freese, Illinois Council of Police, regarding the ICOPs contract. He has since retired. He responded back that Richard Bruno is now the new president out of the Elmhurst office. Currently we do not have a local representative. They will send a demand to bargain letter. Then they will send us what they want. Until they send us the demand letter telling us what they want we cannot do much.

The contract expires May 1st. He has been working on the budget and he feels we are all in agreement that we need to do something about the part time salaries. When he hears back he will call another Police Committee meeting.

Committee Reports:

Mayors Report:

Mayor Johansen reported on the following items:

He has started sending out notes of the meetings he has so everyone is up to date on everything. He would ask that everyone start checking their email at least twice a week. When we send out agendas, we attempt to get them out by noon on Friday. If everybody could start pulling them up on Friday to see if you have any questions, that gives us time to check everything out before the meeting on Monday.

He does have a couple more meetings coming up this week. One with Cheney on his development. Zak Knight is coming to help us with questions on the detention basin out there. He also has a meeting later in the week with Terry Bitner.

The official closing on the Brandt property is Wednesday. Attorney Shields is handling that. We will have possession of the buildings after Wednesday except for the Dry Storage building and the Office.

He did invite Fred Morressette to the meeting tonight and you can see the response.

Alderman Colclasure had some comments to make: Taken from the FY 2016 4/30/2016 TIF Report

January 25, 2016, On this date the City of Lexington entered into a development agreement for a restaurant to be operated by Wildwood Brewery LLC. Work on the project progressed toward completion during the fiscal year covered by the report.

Alderman Colclasure wanted to know if an addendum had been added to or changed to the agreement? If not, he is now in default.

Development Agreement

1. Forgivable loan
2. Rebate of incremental property tax revenue generated

Wildwood Brewing LLC 127 West Main Lexington, Illinois

Private investment	\$48,308
Public investment undertaken	\$30,000

On November 28, 2016: Mayor spoke with the brewery owner to see how his business plan is coming along. He has a lot of equipment in place and will be looking to run some test batches in the coming months.

On February 13, 2017: Mayor spoke with Fred Morrissette regarding his progress on the brewery. He continues to make improvements on the building and has some of the equipment necessary for brewing. He's still waiting on some Federal licensing paperwork to be able to be up and running.

On February 26, 2017: Fred Morrissette - Brewery update - test batches -- August/September 2017. Tasting Room open - November/2017

Alderman Colclasure feels he is in default of the agreement. Before the end of April he will make that motion if he is in fact in default. He doesn't know anything about a restaurant.

Mayor Johansen didn't remember anything about the restaurant but will research that part. He does know we addressed the initial contract in 2016 as it did not give us any collateral if he defaulted. You are correct, he is in default. We have been trying to give him every opportunity because of the cost involved.

Alderman Stover commented that it was redone in 2018 or 2019.

Mayor Johansen commented that he was making payments and has paid some of that \$30,000 down.

Alderwoman Wilson commented that the old Koch building on Main Street looked really good. It has been cleaned up and put some new brick in.

Mayor Johansen commented on the Lockenvitz house, we do not have to put that out for bids because we acquired it through a court order. He has two people that are interested in it.

They put in two more street lights out on P. J. Keller Highway.

Joyce Hightower opened up and she had a very successful opening. She was featured on Channel 25 over the weekend. She has gotten a couple of people interested in opening up a business in Lexington when their lease is up in Normal.

Police: Alderman Richard reported that their full-time police officer resigned. The Police Committee met to address the situation.

Building/Insurance None

Finance/TIF: None

Water/Sewer/Sanitation: None

Street/Alley: Alderman Colclasure reported that they are ready to salt and they are picking up more branches.

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Franklin to adjourn at 7:21 P.M. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pati Pease

City Clerk

Approved: February 22, 2021