

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

November 28, 2016

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Mayor, John Mohr, in the City Council Chambers at Lexington City Hall.

Roll call was taken to find the following physically present: Alderman Miller, Alderman Cole, Alderman Johansen, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Richard and Alderman Stover. Members of the staff and public present were: David Belvery, John Colclasure, Gordon Hodges, Charlie Koch, William Leake and Patty Kelley.

It was moved by Alderman Meyer and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2016 and November 14, 2016 council meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Stover and seconded by Alderman Johansen to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$436,223.19. A big portion of that amount represents payment of the first pay request for the water treatment plant construction project. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Input:** Charlie Koch thanked the mayor and city council for their support over the years he owned his businesses in town. Mr. Koch announced that he is coming out of retirement and will be reopening his thrift store, Koch's Corner, at the top of Main Street. Mayor thanked Mr. Koch for all his years of business. William Leake noted that he has heard rumors that the city is looking to start collecting leaves. He noted that he mulches his and does not want to have to pay for a service he won't use. Mayor and council made note of his comment and will take that into consideration during any future discussions regarding city wide leaf collection. Patty Kelley is in attendance as she is participating in a Leadership McLean County and is here to take notes.

### **Old Business:**

**City Liability Insurance:** Alderman Richard provided handouts to the council for the city's Workman's Compensation policy renewal which has decreased a bit due to the new hires in the police department. The liability and property insurance policies went down by \$9,070 due to switching companies but the new company noticed that the equipment and buildings were 60% undervalued. The new premium will be a little more than \$48,000. Motion by Alderman Richard and second by Alderman Cole to accept the proposals from ICRMT for liability, property, workman's compensation insurance and pay the premium in the amount \$47,880. Motion carries unanimously.

### **New Business:**

**Employee Christmas Bonuses:** Alderman Johansen noted that the employees received a \$400 end of year bonus last year. Motion by Alderman Johansen and second by Alderman Cole to provide all full time employees with a \$400 net employee bonus. Alderman Meyer asked if it would be more advantageous to apply this bonus towards a future salary increase. Mayor noted

that it is difficult to make these bonuses a permanent increase in case cash flow in the future is such that it could make it difficult to keep up with. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Mayor:** 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.

**Police:** Chief noted that the Crown Victoria has some maintenance issues. Brakes were replaced and then the engine thermostate had to be replaced. Tires on the other vehicle also had to be replaced. The camera in the Crown Victoria is no longer working. They are currently borrowing one until the purchase of a replacement can be figured out. Chief noted that a grant may cover 90% of the purchase and that he may have to dip into the DUI line account to cover the rest. Alderman Meyer noted that a resident had sent a note to the council regarding an Ordinance enforcement situation. The matter was reviewed by the Mayor, Alderman Meyer and the Chief.

**Building/Insurance:** Now that the insurance is handled, Alderman Richard noted that he will start checking building permit applications.

**Finance/TIF:** Alderman Stover is still working on re-writing the TIF grant applications.

**Water:** Alderman Cole noted that they are ready to pour the concrete floor out at the water treatment plant.

**Sanitation:** The new Christmas decorations are in and will be put up on Wednesday. Alderman Johansen issued a reminder about Christmas on the Prairie this Saturday. Tree lighting ceremony will be 5:00 pm. Mayor thanked Alderman Johansen for the work he's done on the Christmas decorations.

**Streets/Alleys:** Alderman Miller noted that the new speed limit signs are installed.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Richard and seconded by Alderman Meyer to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 12/12/16