

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

March 27, 2017

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor John Mohr in the City Council Chambers at Lexington City Hall.

Mayor led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken to find the following physically present: Mayor Mohr, Alderman Miller, Alderman Cole, Alderman Johansen, Alderman Stover, Alderman Meyer, and Alderman Richard. Members of the staff and public present were: Mary Beth Wright, Chuck Wright, John Colclasure, Police Officer Carter and Sue Noland.

It was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Johansen to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2017 council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Stover and seconded by Alderman Cole to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$20,720.30. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Mary Beth and Chuck Wright gave an update on Castle Gardens and coming events: the carousel is the sole operating vintage carousel south of I80; the Lexington Historical society will hold an event on April 9th; Concerts on the Lawn are scheduled weekly beginning June 2 and continuing through August 4, ticket sales will be limited to a maximum of 500; four or five house tours are planned; Pontiac High School will hold its Prom at the Gardens; there will be a cruise in of vintage Packard autos and Kelly Tobin will cater the event; Lumen Beverage of Champaign will provide alcohol at specific events (a Class A liquor license may be required per Mayor Mohr); Curb Side Grilling is also scheduled to cater coming events; the Gardens will provide the setting for weddings which are currently booked on their calendar. Mayor Mohr and other council members complimented Chuck and Mary Beth on the many accomplishments they have completed on the property.

Chuck also updated the council on the easements through the property which is now owned by Mary Beth and Chuck Wright. Ameren will be removing all trees on the north side of the white fence bordering their property. A power pole in the pasture may need to be removed and the power lines will need to be buried. Trenching may be completed by Ameren, Nicor or another vendor. Chuck said a letter regarding this project and the cost of the project was previously sent to the City.

Old Business: None

New Business: 905 W Main Street and Route 66 ROW Clearing - The new owner, Kelly Tobin, has requested the split rail fence, timbers used as parking blocks, the pear trees, and foliage be removed from the property. The city staff will assist with the removal as time permits. A man lift may be needed to remove the trees and the cost for the man lift will be negotiated if necessary. It

was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Cole to approve the clearing of the fence, timbers, trees, and foliage. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Kelly Tobin closed on the property at 905 W Main St on March 24, 2017 and also submitted a building permit for a new roof. Dave Jenkins advised to go ahead with the roof and the permit will be amended to include additional improvements at a future date.

Julie Jacobs contacted the city regarding a plugged street drain near R&D Trucking. Mayor Mohr and Alderman Cole recommended the city crew take a look and see how to resolve the situation.

Mayor Mohr reminded the council of the annual budget meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 8th at 8:30 and also to vote at the upcoming Consolidated Election on Tuesday, April 4th.

Police: Alderman Meyer reported that Chief Belvery is at training this week and he and the Chief are currently reviewing the budget.

Building/Insurance: None

Finance/TIF: None

Water: None

Sanitation: None

Streets/Alleys: Alderman Miller reported he and Bill Elias are reviewing the need for a four way stop at the intersection of Cedar & Main Streets with possible lighted stop signs. Travel on Main St is affected by traffic from the Upper Tap and/or events at the Community Center. An estimate of \$2400 for lighted stop signs at the intersection was proposed. A lighted truck route sign was suggested by Alderman Richard. Alderman Miller discussed the aging dump truck which will need to be replaced in the future. He suggested the city budget the money to replace the existing dump truck, don't do anything, or possibly finance the purchase of a dump truck. His concerns regard implementing a backup plan or hiring an outside service to do necessary work. The city should be prepared to do something relative to the aging dump truck. There is a replacement schedule in the budget per Mayor Mohr which will be discussed further on April 8th at the annual budget meeting.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Richard and seconded by Alderman Meyer to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Noland, City Treasurer

Approved: