

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

June 12, 2017

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Spencer Johansen 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 Johansen, Alderman Schreiber, Alderman Cole, Alderman Colclasure, Alderman Stover, Alderman Fosen, and Alderman Richard. Members of the staff and public present were: Don Cavallini, Walker Adams, Katie Adams, Karen Wing, Lisa Wilson, Tom Shields, Bill Elias, and Dave Belvery.

It was moved by Alderman Stover and seconded by Alderman Colclasure to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2017 council meeting with one correction. Chuck Cole's last meeting date will be June 26, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Fosen and seconded by Alderman Cole to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$460,328.54. This is such a large amount due to a payment on the construction of the water treatment plant. Some discussion that this was the 7th payout and the plant was coming along really well. Also mentioned was that the City had agreed to pay out \$300,000 payments and we should attempt to do that at some time. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Katie Adams, co-coordinator for the carnival, reported \$19,084.00 in presales of carnival tickets. Anything over \$11,000.00 the City received 20% revenue. Reported good turnout, especially with the heat, and she has started talking about the contract and bookings for next year. Check to Conner Family Amusements in the amount of \$17,435.00.

Old Business: Alderman Richard stated that the current percentage amount that employees pay for health care is 50% and that amount was passed in the 2017/2018 budget. This covers the employees' share of the spouse/family coverage. New health insurance rates will be looked at in December 2017. Richard made a motion and Stover seconded to vote on the employee health insurance plan. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Route 66 presentation by Illinois Route 66 Scenic/Byway-William Kelly and Geoff Ladd. First they presented Mayor Johansen with a Route 66 sign for the City which will be posted along the highway running thru town, then gave a short talk about their work for promoting the Route 66 corridor and how to get people to stop in Lexington as they travel along the road. Many people travel Route 66 from organized bus tours to the casual tourist. We have a great asset in Memory Lane and they would like to help us get the traveler from there into town to buy gas, food and shop. They also have a very popular website that Lexington is listed on, www.illinoisroute66.org. They also mentioned an upcoming event on September 17, 2017 of an antique military vehicle operators Assoc. convoy coming down Route 66. Will set up in town.

Bill Kelly also brought up how popular Route 66 was in Europe and Germany and how popular Memory Lane was and how the German Tourists like to come and have their picture taken under the sign.

Complimented the City on the new Chamber of Commerce and on the new business we are getting and the unique retail tourist centered businesses we have. Also complimented Star on her work on the Community Profile Page.

They also talked about the Route 66 Centennial Commission established by the State of Illinois to make plans to commemorate the 100 years of Historic Route 66 by 2026.

Bloomington Normal Visitors Conventions Bureau

Does marketing for all of McLean County outside Bloomington/Normal, Retail shops or restaurants, and coming attractions. Works with thousands of people. Does district sales, tour book sales, tourism sales, markets everything and sends people to Lexington all the time. People like new, they like different, anything not in the norm.

Their Conventioneer's Guide is published and disturbed all over and mailed nationwide. Last year's cover was Memory Lane and still using that photo for ads and publications. Great value in that location

Old Business: As was discussed at the last meeting, the doors on the Food Pantry need to be replaced. Cost at that time was \$412.99. There is an additional cost of \$278.32 for a total cost of \$691.31. The original quote was for interior doors not exterior doors. Alderman Fosen moved and Alderman Cole seconded to replace the doors at the Food Pantry. Motion carried unanimously.

As was discussed at the last meeting the purchase of 2017 International 7400 Dump Truck from Rush Truck Center for \$76,748.00 Dump body from Koeing Body & Equipment for \$53,263.00 for a total of \$130,011.00. This replaced the 1998 truck. Bill Elias stated that if it was ordered in mid-June the City should have about mid-October so there was plenty of time to see about funding to pay for it although there are funds enough to pay cash for it. Mayor Johansen and Alderman Fosen have a meeting to meet with Amanda Klein with Commerce Bank to talk about equipment leasing and will also contact Heartland Bank. There was some discussion about usage, service and life expectance of the truck and how long before they thought before it would need to be replaced. We went 16 years with the one we are replacing but hope to get 10 years or a little more out of the new one. Also, is bigger horse power and front end than the one we replaced. Also discussion on whether we had shopped around. And it was stated that this was the state bid. Coming out of Springfield. There was also some discussion on the truck we were keeping 2001 International vehicles on a replacement cycle. Pickup truck and 2 dump trucks a lot of money to replace two vehicles in one year the dump truck was supposed to be last year so better to go ahead and get it bought this year

Alderman Fosen moved and Alderman Cole seconded that the City purchase the 2017 International Dump Truck and Body in the amount of \$130,011.00. Motion carried unanimously.

As was discussed at the last meeting it was brought forward to change the meeting time from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 pm. Alderman Richard motioned and Alderman Cole seconded that meeting time be moved forward to 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of prevailing wage ordinance for 2017 documents were given to all aldermen and mayor. Last year it was late. The item will be on the agenda for a vote during the June 26, 2017.

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Committee Reports:

Mayor Johansen introduced Attorney Charlie Reynard, associate to City Attorney Tom Shields.

Mayor: Have been approached to switch electric suppliers. Right now we are at .52/kw and have gotten some bids at .48/kw, .47/kw and will bring back more info on that. The company we had last year somehow switched our street lighting bill over and we were losing our municipal franchise agreement and we got about \$9,000.00 back from them and I told both of these companies to make sure the Street lighting account was not included in this. Received an e-mail from Amanda Klein with Commerce Bank requesting a meeting to talk about equipment leasing. Will be meeting with her and Alderman Fosen. Wertz letter. We have met with Tom and Farnsworth and will have more info at the next meeting. Fred from Brewer will be at the next meeting to let us know when he will start making beer and be open. Call from Governor's office. He will be in town on September 23, 2017 for approximately 45 minutes to present an award to a veteran. Pati Pease is researching to see when the last time a governor was in Lexington.

Police: Monthly activity was distributed.

Building/Insurance: None

Finance/TIF: Working on the Appropriation Ordinance and budget numbers. Should be ready for next meeting. Received a TIF application from Kelly's on 66 and also Thrift Avenue. Meeting with Kelly's this week to go over costs. Wants to meet with Thrift Avenue in the near future to discuss needs. Not a lot of TIF funds. Twelve years left in TIF district. Additional projects additional tax increment could help that situation. Discussion followed on tax revenue versus TIF funds and cash flow and grants versus low interest loans. Alderman Fosen asked for input and ideas from the other aldermen as TIF funds are low.

Water: Sewer: Sanitation: The new sewer plant is looking real good.

Streets/Alleys: None

There being no further business, it was moved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pati Pease, City Clerk

Approved: