

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Monday, May 10, 2010

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

Roll call was taken finding the following physically present: Mayor Mohr, Alderman Brill, Alderman Fiero, Alderman Miller, Alderman Revelle, and Alderman Winterland. Alderman Cole was absent. Members of the public and staff present were: Mary Beth Wright, Donna Williams, Laurie Sleeter (The Lexingtonian) and Chief Dave Schneider.

It was moved by Alderman Brill and seconded by Alderman Fiero to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2010 meeting. During discussion, Mayor Mohr stated that the minutes were sent ahead of time by email from the Clerk's office to give Aldermen time for review. Alderman Fiero observed that since the Council provides time at each meeting for public input, limiting comments from the public during the rest of the agenda could help to reduce the length of meetings and keep council business on track. Mayor Mohr agreed and will monitor discussion more closely. Alderman Winterland asked if the TIF map could be placed on the City's website and was told that was in the works, and is presently available on the McLean County GIS website. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Revelle to accept the Treasurer's Report and to authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$34,005.78. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input:

1. Donna Williams presented a recap of the Red Carpet Corridor event this past weekend. Overall, for the first event, everything went very well. Vendors and Civic Groups were pleased with the attendance and response. An evaluation meeting will be held Tuesday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Donna suggests that if the City is going to continue to sponsor the event, they provide some guidelines, a budget, and an oversight committee for the person who serves as the chairperson. Alderman Revelle suggested she put her thoughts on paper to start this process. Mayor Mohr would like to make a special note of thanks to Stinde Electric, who provided a generator and cabling for power for the event. Mohr also noted that he had toured all the City buildings last week – old Taste of Country items have been returned to their owners, and the remaining equipment has been or is being moved to the brick building near the water plant, or disposed of by the City employees.
2. Mary Beth Wright reported that the tuck-pointing at 112 N Cedar is going beautifully and is restoring the building's soundness and safety.

Police Chief Report: Chief Schneider reported the following activity for the month of April: 126 calls for service/interagency assistance; 457 total man hours; 624 building checks; 2983 patrol miles. Most serious incident involved the discharge of a firearm in the City limits – no criminal charges were filed, but ordinance violations will be issued.

Old Business:

Kenney's Request – Mayor Mohr needs more time to research the request, but is inclined to deny permission to construct a fence and provide outdoor dining on the City sidewalk. Blocking the sidewalk will reduce comfortable use of the walk, make it harder to supervise inappropriate consumption of alcohol, and limit winter maintenance. He will issue a formal response after more study, and welcomes additional council input.

Golf Cart Ordinance – Alderman Revelle has gotten additional information with Alderman Fiero's assistance, and hopes to have final information by the meeting on May 24. The City Attorney provided input the last time this project was discussed, so Revelle will send him the additional information for his review.

Codification Progress – Alderman Brill reported on the workshop that was held on May 5. The final draft was reviewed and the corrections have been sent to General Code for preparation. An Ordinance adopting the updated code will be passed, and links to the newly updated and searchable code will be put on the City website.

Master Storm Water Management Plan – Mayor Mohr has asked for proposals from firms who can examine and design a master storm water management plan for the City. Responses have been obtained from Mackey, Lewis, Yockey, and Brown, Shive-Hattery, and Farnsworth Group. Study estimates ranged widely and have been turned over to the Street Department Committee for review and recommendation.

New Business:

None on the agenda. However Alderman Fiero asked about the status of the project with Tom Jacob and Associates. Mayor Mohr answered that the City had asked them to wait for the new fiscal year to start, so the first installment will be forwarded to them and they can then begin work on amending the TIF plan.

Committee Reports:

Mayor – 1.) The 2010 City Directories are complete and the first set were delivered in time for the Red Carpet Corridor event. Park District scheduling always delays some information for inclusion. This may be the last publication, due to the availability of the City website option. Alderman Revelle suggested there be a better way of getting the information correct before publication – he had been made aware of several items that were inaccurate, and will try to get a list of those changes together. **2.)** Farnsworth Group sent a progress update on the sewer project – most interesting is that the installation of the force main to the irrigation site is complete and drain tile are being repaired- this is on schedule and on budget. **3.)** Mayor Mohr has had contact from Attorney Tibbs regarding the City's 600 hour standard with Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. The City can elect by resolution to adopt a 1000 hour standard for employees in qualifying positions. This will be placed on future agendas.

Police – Alderman Brill reported on the monthly police committee meeting held this evening at 6:30 p.m. Items discussed include: Salary decision for Chief of Police; Need for review of collective bargaining offer from ICOP; Ordinance Violation procedures with monthly court dates- patterned after City of LeRoy's management of similar issues; and scheduling challenges with one full-time and one part-time officer that will be available after May 31.

Building/Insurance – 1.) Alderman Miller is continuing to work with city Attorney Tibbs and Commerce Attorney Bugg on resolving the issue of getting a recorded deed to City property accomplished. **2.)** Miller has scheduled a meeting with City employees and spouses and representatives from Health Star Consulting for Wednesday May 12 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. This will assist in making a decision on which health coverage plan will be provided. **3.)** Mayor Mohr has given permission to Main Street Moms to use the building at 117 N. Vine for a "Give and Take" event on May 14-15.

Finance – None

Water – None (Cole absent)

Sanitation – None

Street/Alley – None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Quinley, City Clerk

Approved: 5-24-2010