

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

June 14, 2010

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

Roll call was taken finding the following physically present: Mayor Mohr, Alderman Brill, Alderman Cole, Alderman Fiero, Alderman Miller, and Alderman Winterland. Alderman Revelle was absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Mike Beard, Chief Schneider, and Laurie Sleeter.

It was moved by Alderman Brill and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2010 Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Cole to accept the Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$42,003.99. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Police Chief's Report: Chief Schneider reported 89 calls for service since the last report, 27 assists to other jurisdictions, 5 arrests, 9 verbal warnings, 4 citations, 1 DUI, 814 business checks, 1 ordinance violation and 2785 patrol miles. He reminded residents to keep vehicles locked at all times as neighboring communities are having frequent incidents of vehicle burglaries.

Old Business:

City Code Ordinance – It was moved by Alderman Brill and seconded by Alderman Fiero to adopt **Ordinance 2010-4 – A Code Adoption Ordinance**. Mayor Mohr will obtain the information necessary to get links set up so the Ordinance can be placed on the City website. Motion carried unanimously.

Golf Cart Ordinance – It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Cole to adopt **Ordinance 2010-5 – An Ordinance Allowing the Use of Golf Carts and Neighborhood Vehicles On City Streets**. Discussion followed regarding the limitations of travel between certain areas of town and on certain streets not under City jurisdiction, and regarding the registration process. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Thomas Assignment – Although Mike Beard has completed the North Park and Timber Ridge subdivisions, there is likely to be the need for another individual to help locate existing septic tanks, speak with homeowners and determine the most efficient location for service lateral lines connecting to the sewer system. Brian Thomas has been approached, as he has the experience as former Water Superintendent, to perform this kind of service. Monies have been budgeted, and Alderman Cole will work with Thomas and Mike Beard to create a contract which will not conflict with Thomas's IMRF pension. All information gathered in this fashion will help in identifying the scope of work when contractors are given Requests For Proposals.

Health Insurance Plan Change - Given reduced revenues and increased premiums by the current health insurance provider (State of Illinois Local Government Health Plan), Alderman Miller was given the task of researching City's options for providing current levels of coverage to qualifying employees and reducing costs. After much work and investigation, the Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan proposed by Health-Star Consulting of St. Louis has been selected. This plan will provide medical and dental benefits. Outside plans with VSP for vision and ProCare Rx for prescriptions are included. This new-type plan involves partial self-insurance and build up of aggregate reserves, which will help defray the \$5000 deductible, and is key to greatly reducing City costs. Any covered employees' claims which exceed current levels will be covered by the accumulating pool. Alderman Fiero wants additional research into the cost of having the plan administered by Health-Star. It was moved by Alderman Cole and seconded by Alderman Miller to resolve to accept the proposal for the high-deductible plan which 1) keeps the current level of coverage intact, 2) manages health insurance costs to the City and employees, and 3) protects employees by allowing a reserve to accumulate from the savings, which will be used to meet the deductibles. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Prevailing Wage Ordinance - It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Cole to adopt **Ordinance 2010-6 – An Ordinance Ascertaining the Prevailing Wages to be Paid on Public Works Projects**. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Mayor – 1) Mayor Mohr has met with Scott Thompson of RCAP (Rural Community Advocacy Program). Funds remain for use by small communities administered by this non-profit agency, and various uses by the City were discussed, including water plant and water tower concerns and low-income assistance with sewer connections. 2) Miller, Hall and Triggs has notified the City of an Unfair Labor Practices hearing on August 18, 2010. 3) Robin Park, of Horizon Wind Energy, has provided information on the next phase of wind turbines being planned east of Lexington. Informational meetings will be held in July at the Community Center, and August 17-19 in Bloomington. The City may consider regulation and taxing issues for the turbines that will lie within City jurisdiction. The company is also looking for a site for a permanent service center. 4) Mayor Mohr has met with representative of ISU to discuss grants and center pivot irrigation equipment. Instead of the initial plan for ISU to finance one of the pivots, it may be possible for the City to construct the pivots and then sell one to ISU for \$150,000, but retain rights to use for 65 years. 5) A change order has been implemented to move a 10" water main at 1309 PJ Keller Hwy for sewer construction at a cost of approximately \$35,000. 6) Word is expected on the amendment to the EPA loan by the end of June. 7) Sewer construction updates provided by Farnsworth Group are as follows: Div.A – Leander Construction continues work on the primary and secondary lagoons, and have started soil removal for the storage lagoon. Div.B – Stark has placed the concrete wet wells and valve vaults at the North, South, Timber Ridge and Wall St. lift stations. Div.C – Stark has complete 98% of the forcemain to the irrigation site. Div.D – G.A. Rich has installed approximately 5,000' of gravity sewer, including underground borings under County Highway 8 at Spencer St. and PJ Keller Hwy. They are currently working in Timber Ridge. Div.E – Dawn Co. has installed approximately 2100' of 15" and 980' of 18" gravity sewer. Crews will start on Hilton Dr within the next few weeks. Div.F – Sunrise Ag will be pouring the concrete pads for the center pivot irrigation systems as soon as weather and field conditions permit.

Police – The committee met this evening at 6:30. Chief's report covered the information.

Building/Insurance – Alderman Miller reported that Atty. Tibbs had contacted him saying that the City Hall property title is being recorded and property is officially owned by the City. Miller also reported that Rowe Construction is interested in renting the former Wooden Hare building at 117 N Vine again from July 1 to November 30.

Finance/TIF – Alderman Winterland has received a TIF request from Ron Mann to use for tuck-pointing the Post Office building.

Water – The water rate increase of 2 cents per 100 gallons will take effect on August bills for July use. Beard reported that lightning had destroyed controls for the water tower. Stinde Electric is waiting for repair parts.

Sanitation - Alderman Fiero is checking on the recycling pickup dates for June. The last Wednesday and the last Thursday are in two different weeks, which will be confusing.

Street/ Alley – None

There being no further business, it was moved by Miller and seconded by Winterland to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Quinley, City Clerk

Approved: 6-28-10 (With corrections to Bills paid amount-
from \$42,003.99 to \$43,401.22)