

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

October 25, 2010

At 7:35 p.m., the regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order by Clerk Quinley in the absence of Mayor Mohr. This meeting was held, as always, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

It was moved by Alderman Cole and seconded by Alderman Winterland to seat Don Revelle as Mayor Pro-Tem in the absence of Mayor Mohr. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll call was taken finding the following physically present: Alderman Brill, Alderman Cole, Alderman Fiero, Alderman Miller, Alderman Revelle and Alderman Winterland. Mayor Mohr was absent. Staff and public present included Mike Beard, Billie DuBois, Tim Legner (FWG), Brian Dunnebeck (Horizon Wind Energy), Mary Beth Wright, and Melanie Kunkel.

It was moved by Alderman Cole and seconded by Alderman Brill to accept the minutes as presented of the October 11 City Council meeting, the October 11 Police Committee meeting, and the October 20 Street Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Revelle to accept the Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$84,182.58. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: 1). Tim Legner, Project Inspector with Farnsworth Group, was in attendance to report on the sewer project progress: **Div. A** –After 239 days, earthwork is in its final stages at the Storage Lagoon Berms. The WWTP building has been constructed with split face walls and roof. The interior is still under construction. **Div. B** – After 239 days, Stark has installed the wet well and valve vault structures at each of five locations. The plumbing of the valve vaults has begun and pumps should be delivered towards the end of November. **Div. C** –After 239 days, Stark has installed approximately **98%** of the 12" C900 Forcemain from the WWTP Pump/Blower Building to the Irrigation Site. **Div. D-Far West, West, and Central Areas** – After 239 days, G.A.Rich has installed **59%** of the piping. All pipe is installed west of Old Route 66. Installation of pipe is beginning on the east side of Old Route 66. **Div. E-North, South and East Areas** – After 239 days, Dawn Companies has installed **28%** of the piping for the contract. Roads replaced in Northpark Subdivision. Currently installing pipe in Southridge Subdivision. **Div. F-Irrigation Site** –After 239 days, Sunrise Ag constructed both the north and south irrigation systems spans. The north pivot structure has been poured, with the south pivot structure scheduled to be poured this week. The Percentage Complete for the contract times and payments are reported after 239 days and seven loan disbursements sent to IEPA.

2). Brian Dunneback, project manager for Horizon Wind Energy's Bright Stalk project east of Lexington was present to answer any question the council might have regarding the agreement being considered later in this meeting.

Old Business:

1.) 2nd Recycle Toter: Alderman Fiero relayed that after having the recycling plan in place for a year, she has found that families are not recycling as much as they might want or need to due to the fact that a second toter costs \$50.00. She is proposing that the City rescind that fee and refund any already paid by residents. Quinley reported that only 2-4 residents have made such a payment and received a second recycling toter. It was moved by Alderman Fiero and seconded by Alderman Cole to rescind the \$50 fee for a second recycling toter and refund that fee to those who have already paid. Motion carried unanimously. It was also reported that due to the fact that regular garbage is now picked up mechanically, the company will return to same day service for the entire town, that day being Thursday and starting in November.

2.) Bright Stalk Wind Energy Agreement: An Amended Contribution Agreement between The City of Lexington and the Lexington Chenoa Wind Farm LLC was presented for approval. Known as Bright Stalk Wind Farm, this development will consist of 233 wind turbines, to be built east and north of Lexington. In the event that post-sewer construction development and annexation takes place on the east side of

Lexington, 6-8 of those turbines would potentially come within 1.5 miles of City limits. This agreement amends the amount to be paid to the City to \$16,000 annually for three years, up from the originally proposed \$8,000. After discussion, it was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Fiero to enter into this agreement. Motion carried by a vote of 4 in favor, 1 voting present, which becomes recorded as a yes vote, and one vote to abstain.

3.) Benedict Property Question: The council prefers to wait to see the report from the structural engineer's inspection of the barn on the Benedict property. That inspection was done October 20, 2010.

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Mayor – None

Police – In Alderman/Police Committee Chair Brill's absence, Alderman Miller will conduct the police committee meeting on November 8, 2010.

Building/Insurance – Alderman Miller continues to work on assessment errors and corrections to the City's tax exempt status on 4 parcels.

Finance/TIF – Alderman Winterland will have Levy information ready for discussion at the next council meeting.

Water – None

Sanitation – None, other than above noted changes.

Street/Alley – Alderman Revelle reported on the meeting that the Committee had held on October 20, 2010. Drainage issues were the main focus of that session, and the committee has 3 recommendations to make to the council, based on those discussions: 1. Proceed with the survey recommended by Farnsworth Group of the area from Orange St. north and west through part of Turkey Creek, at an estimated cost of \$5000. 2. Clean out trees, silt and shrubs in ditches west of orange St and west of Old Rt. 66 – cost yet to be determined. 3. Proceed with installing a 36" tile along Bowery St to the drainage ditch east of town – as funds and current budget allow, the remainder to be budgeted for in the next fiscal year. This item will be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Miller to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Quinley
City Clerk

Approved: 11-8-10