

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

December 27, 2010

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order by Mayor Mohr at 7:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Lexington City Hall.

Roll call was taken, finding the following physically present: Mayor Mohr, Alderman Cole, Alderman Fiero, Alderman Miller, Alderman Revelle, and Alderman Winterland. Alderman Brill was absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Zach Knight (Farnsworth Group), Dan Kelly, and Mustaali Carbaidwala.

It was moved by Alderman Fiero and seconded by Alderman Cole to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2010 City Council meeting and the minutes of the December 13, 2010 Police 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 \$15,714.22. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input:

Zach Knight, of Farnsworth Group, attended and presented the latest update on sewer construction progress: **Div A:** After 302 days, the riprap has been completed on all three lagoons. Current work includes electrical, plumbing inside the building and air piping for the lagoons. Painting has begun. Tasks still to come include seeding and fencing. Controls coordination between FG and contractors to begin this month. 83% contract time complete. **Div B:** After 302 days, Stark has installed the wet well and valve vault structures at each of the five locations. Final tasks include finishing site work, electrical and startup. 76% complete contract time. **Div C:** After 302 days, Stark has installed 100% of the 12" C900 forcemain from the WWTP Pump/Blower Building to the irrigation site. Testing of forcemain, irrigation signs, and monitoring well installation still to come. 83% complete contract time. **Div D:** After 302 days, G.A.Rich has installed 73% of the piping. Currently cleaning installed lines for testing. Far West and West all but complete, currently installing sewer in Central area. 63% complete contract time. **Div E:** After 302 days, Dawn Companies has installed 46% of the piping for the contract. Currently 8" sewer is being installed along Main Street near Elm Street in the East area. North area all but complete. 56% complete contract time. **Div F:** After 302 days, Sunrise Ag has constructed both North and South irrigation systems. Final tasks include connecting Division C forcemain to units and startup/training. 83% complete contract time.

Old Business:

House at South and Pine Sts. - Resident has yet to apply for a building permit to repair/restore the structure. Once that is issued, a time limit will be in force for completion.

Koch TIF Request – The improvements to the structure that Mr. Koch has planned will not generate an enormous amount of TIF revenue, but he does consistently bring good crowds to the auctions. With this change in plans, the City will no longer need to construct the fence specified in the easement agreement, nor provide rock for parking lot. Instead, Alderman Winterland was able to determine that the addition would be considered an improvement, not new construction. The original request was for \$40,000. After discussion it was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve a TIF grant of \$10,000, to be paid once the project is complete and paid invoices are presented. Motion carried with 4 yes votes, 1 recusal, and 1 absent. This grant is in addition to the gravel and other terms of the sewer easement agreement already in place with Mr. Koch. A second question was asked regarding the status of the Subway project. Mayor Mohr will be talking with Commerce Bank and the EPA to see if apparent roadblocks to the project can be resolved.

Zoning Code Question – After research, Mayor Mohr stated that an error had been made in adopting the new City Code. Building Code changes can be made without a public hearing, but changes to the Zoning Code require publication and a public hearing. Since the point in question regarding the minimum size of accessory buildings appears in the Zoning Code, Attorney Tibbs recommends having the Zoning Board of Appeals hear this proposal for Zoning Code adoption at the January 31, 2011 joint meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission. More research will also be done by Mayor Mohr.

Bikeway Drinking Fountain – As no new information was available for tonight’s meeting, this item will move forward to a later date. The Bikeway Committee and Mike Beard will discuss how the City will make its contribution to this project.

2011 Election Filings – City Clerk Quinley reported that the following have filed for offices to be elected at the April 5, 2011 Consolidated Election: Ward 1- Charles Cole; Ward 2-Don Revelle and Josh Martin; Ward 3 – Henry Brill; City Clerk – Melanie Kunkel.

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Mayor – 1) Mayor Mohr pointed out an article in the latest issue of the “Municipal Review”. It gives an updated projection for revenues for the coming fiscal year. Due to the financial condition of the State of Illinois, all per capita payments are delayed by several months and are projected to continue their decline, particularly income tax revenues. The City has however budgeted conservatively and so is still in very good fiscal condition. **2)** The Winter Social is scheduled for January 15. **3)** A council workshop will be scheduled for sometime in January to continue working on the connection portion of the sewer project. Mike Beard is compiling data, which will be put in to a spreadsheet for contractor use as they formulate bids for the work. Mayor Mohr will be talking with representatives of financial institutions as well. General financial conditions and projections will also be discussed at the workshop.

Police – None

Building/Insurance – none

Finance/TIF – None

Water – None

Sanitation – None

Street/Alley – Alderman Revelle complimented City crews on the management of snow removal issues this last weekend.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Winterland to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Quinley, City Clerk

Approved: 1/10/11