

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

January 10, 2011

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order by Mayor Mohr at 7:30 p.m. in the 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, Alderman Revelle and Alderman Winterland. Members of the staff and public present were Chief Schneider and Melanie Kunkel.

It was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Fiero to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2010 City Council minutes. 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 \$24259.89. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Input:**

Chief Schneider presented his monthly report, the highlight being the incident that occurred on Dec. 28. Originally reported as a stabbing, facts determined only a superficial wound had occurred and the case is still under review. At this point in time, the Chief feels that he is still able to provide adequate coverage with current staffing levels.

Other items raised by various council members include 1. Notice that a potential new veterinarian would like to attend the next council meeting; 2. Mr. Koch will wait until spring and better weather to begin any work on his Auction house addition project; 3. Questions have surfaced regarding the possible need for policies for those wishing to have their advertising included in the newsletter sent with water bills, or as a separate enclosure; 4. Questions about the need for the power service located to the east of Commerce Bank, and the attendant monthly bills it incurs; 5. Examining the current City Hall telephone system and set-up for potential economies.

### **Old Business:**

**South Street House** – A second letter has been sent to the property owner by Code Compliance Officer Jenkins, reminding the owner of the 1/31/11 deadline for a repair or demolition plan to be presented to the City.

**Benedict Property** – At a hearing attended by Mayor Mohr, Dave Jenkins, and Attorney Bruce Beal, Benedict's attorney, Julia Davis, noted that the barn demolition project is already underway. Jenkins reminded them of the need for a demolition permit. They have agreed to obtain a demolition permit and to have the old barn will be totally down and the hole filled in by April 1. The soonest date for the next hearing will be April 26. Legal fees and ordinance violation fees are still issues to be resolved.

**Winter Social** – The new date for the Winter Social is February 12 at the Community Center.

**Raffle License** – It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Cole to approve the Class B Raffle License applied for by the Lexington Jaycees for their annual Cash Bash. Motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business:**

**Property Acquisition Question** – Currently, Subway is still seeking a site to build in Lexington. Mayor Mohr has asked the council to be thinking of ways the City can be proactive in assisting potential developers in finding suitable sites that would enhance Lexington's business community

**Finance Committee Workshop** – Mayor Mohr would like to have the Finance Committee meet on Monday, January 17 at 7:00. Examining the City's current financial situation and planning for the future will be discussed, in anticipation of the upcoming budget season.

**SHOW Bus Donation** – It was moved by Alderman Cole and seconded by Alderman Revelle to make a \$500 donation to the Seniors and Handicaps on Wheels rural transportation program. Motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

**Mayor – 1)** In obtaining data for potential contractors to use in assembling bids for the curb-to-house portion of the sewer project, Mayor Mohr sees opportunities in using the tools available on the McLean County GIS website. By using the measuring tool, it could be possible to compile distance totals and make note of obstacles. This could save direct visits to each residence for on-the-ground measurements. Street Supt. Elias has met with Regional Planning staff and Farnsworth Group representatives to investigate the workability of such a plan. **2)** A joint Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission meeting will be held on Monday, January 31, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. The City Attorney and the Code Compliance Officer will lead the session, both as a trainers, and to assist the Planning Commission in the decision-making process for 2 issues before the Commission, and also to assist them in conducting a public hearing regarding the zoning code. **3)** Additional requests for crop-loss due to sewer construction have been received by Mayor Mohr. The goal is to treat all losses uniformly, so Mayor Mohr will continue to work on those requests. **4)** The DCEO \$25,000 grant application has been submitted, according to Jon Johnston, of Farnsworth Group. Release date for these funds to the City is unknown.

**Police – None**

**Building/Insurance – None**

**Finance/TIF – None**

**Water – None**

**Sanitation – None**

**Street/Alley – None**

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Winterland to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Quinley, City Clerk

Approved: 1-24-11