

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

February 14, 2011

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 Brill, Alderman Fiero, Alderman Miller, Alderman Revelle, and Alderman Winterland. Alderman Cole was absent. Members of the staff and public attending were Mike Beard, Bill Elias, Chief Schneider, Ivan Hanes and Melanie Kunkel.

It was moved by Alderman Brill and seconded by Alderman Winterland to accept the minutes of the January 24, 2011 City Council meeting as presented. 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 \$53,153.65. Motion carried unanimously.

### Public Input:

Ivan Hanes, a local plumber, was present to get information regarding the sewer connection process. He has been hearing varied rumors, and as he can perform that kind of work, wanted to know what was actually being discussed by the Council. Mayor Mohr responded, saying that in response to measuring work done by Bill Elias, Farnsworth Group is in the process of putting together specifications that will become part of a packet presented to interested bidders. This packet is planned to include a set of specifications, a map of each parcel to be connected, and a contract to be executed with each homeowner. Once this packet is completed, the City attorney will work on a scheduling agreement. The goal is to have this ready before the end of March. The City hopes to be able to go out for bids, obtain contractor(s), and get the work done uniformly for homeowners. Contractors will be paid by the City using funds already generated and a small sewer fee increase, effectively eliminating a large connection fee for property owners. Mr. Hanes was assured that he would be notified when these packets were ready.

**Police Chief's Report** - Chief Schneider received a duty call just before this report could be presented.

### Old Business:

- 1. City Phone System** – Tabled until the next meeting.
- 2. West Shed Sale** – Documents have been forwarded to Atty. Tibbs, who will be developing a sales contract.
- 3. Schreiber/Johansen Rezoning** – It was moved by Alderman Revelle and seconded by Alderman Brill to approve **Ordinance 2011-1 – An Ordinance Re-Zoning the Schreiber/Johansen Property at 405 N. West St. to R-1.** Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Hardman Rezoning** – It was moved by Alderman Revelle and seconded by Alderman Brill to approve **Ordinance 2011-2 – An Ordinance Re-Zoning the Hardman Property at 403 N. West St. to R-1.** Motion carried unanimously.

### New Business:

**1. City Hall Furnace Replacement:** Alderman Revelle reported that since the last meeting, the furnace in the Collector's office appeared to need maintenance. Original installers Lartz Heating and Air Conditioning were called. Upon inspection it was determined that the burner assembly was failing. To get the equipment running, a new burner was installed. However the recommendation was that the 17+ year-old furnace probably needed replacing. Alderman Revelle then obtained bids from 3 contractors, which he presented for discussion. Of bids received by Lartz, Koeller, and Custom Air, it was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Fiero to accept the bid by Custom Air – a 95% 2 stage heavy duty Armstrong furnace, annual filter replacement, 10 year parts/labor, plus a 2.5T Armstrong Seer Air Conditioning system for \$4825.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

**Mayor – 1.** Mayor Mohr would like to schedule a public meeting sometime late in March to discuss the proposed sewer connection plan. Those connections could start as early as May for some sections of town. He has been contacting financial institutions to discuss options the City would have in financing this portion of the project. Monday, March 28 was chosen, pending availability of the School gym. Tuesday March 29 would be the alternate date. Once scheduled, the meeting can be promoted in the newsletter, the website, the Lexingtonian, and even by direct mail. **2.** Mayor Mohr has asked Farnsworth Group to file pre-applications with the EPA for funds from the Revolving Loan Fund for a replacement water treatment plant. **3.** A local realtor has been contacted to research the availability of Main St. property that could be used to enhance TIF development. **4.** Documents for the \$150,000 grant from ISU are all in and being processed by the University. **5.** Subway is still interested in a site on Main St. Mayor Mohr is looking into how the City can help the owner clear EPA hurdles for that development to take place. **6.** Methods of financing the connection fees were discussed. Extremely favorable construction loan terms, and early implementation of fees have allowed the City to be proactive in securing funds to benefit property owners financially and get a quality product to complete the sewer installation project. **7.** The City has suffered 2 long-time business closures this last month. The Ford Dealership and the Filling Station Restaurant are currently out of operation. There has been word of some interest in the sites, either as a new application or a re-opening, but nothing is known at present. **8.** The annual TIF Joint Review Board Meeting will be held concurrently with the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on February 28. **9.** Mayor Mohr has been contacted by Sheriff Emery and State's Attorney Yoder requesting a meeting with the Lexington Schools, the City and the County to discuss information sharing. **10.** The Central Illinois Regional Broadband Network has received funding and are beginning implementation of the project aimed at vast improvements in internet communication in rural areas. The City is already a member of the consortium. **11.** A combination of funds yet to be received will be used to finance the construction of a structure to replace the Morris St City shed (West Shed) – sale proceeds from the current structure, the Horizon Wind Energy pledge, and a DCEO grant should come close to the estimated cost of construction (\$110,000 to \$125000.) of a storage building at the Waste Water Treatment Plant site.

**Police Comm.-** The Committee held the regularly scheduled meeting this evening at 7:00 p.m. Due to Alderman Brill's departure tomorrow, the minutes will be presented for approval at the first March meeting. The City has had no response from ICOP in several weeks, so will continue to wait. Changes to the budget were reviewed.

**Building/Insurance Comm.-** Alderman Miller announced that Ryan Field Services signed a one-year lease for the building at 117 N. Vine St. today and will take possession as of February 15 – monthly rent at \$500.

**Finance/TIF Comm. –** Alderman Winterland notified all employees and committee chairs that it is time to start thinking about budget planning for 2011-12. Quinley has provided advance worksheets.

**Water Comm.-** None

**Sanitation Comm. –** None

**Street/Alley Comm.-** Alderman Revelle said he had received many good comments from residents on the efficiency of snow removal by City employees after the February 1 blizzard.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Winterland to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Quinley, City Clerk

Approved: 2/28/11