

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

July 22, 2013

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor John Mohr in the City Council Chambers at Lexington City Hall.

Roll call was taken to find the following physically present: Mayor Mohr, Alderman Cole, Alderman Johansen, Alderman Miller, Alderman Phelps, Alderman Revelle and Alderman Brill. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel and Don Cavallini.

It was moved by Alderman Johansen and seconded by Alderman Brill to approve the July 8, 2013 Council Meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Revelle and seconded by Alderman Brill to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$35,921.58. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds: While passing this ordinance helps the city to maintain a timeline, it does not commit the city to sell the bonds and allows research into others means of financing Wirtz Way and P.J. Keller Hwy road improvement obligations. Borrowed funds will also help fund some infrastructure in a potential subdivision out at the old National Welding property to help keep lot costs down and a potential project on Main Street. The old National Welding property is under contract by KW Lexington, LLC and will be redeveloped into a residential subdivision. Mayor Mohr discussed the Redevelopment Agreement with an investor/developer for the area on Main Street that includes the old tanning salon building and Jaycee hall. A portion of the monies from the general obligation bonds would be used for building demolition to make way for this new commercial project. Motion by Alderman Brill and second by Alderman Johansen to adopt Ordinance 2013-13 an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds. Motion passes unanimously.

Order Setting the Public Hearing Concerning the Intent to Sell General Obligation Bonds: Motion by Alderman Phelps and second by Alderman Cole to approve a public hearing concerning the intent to sell general obligation bonds on August 12, 2013 at 7:00 pm. Motion carries unanimously.

Investment in the McLean County Economic Development Center: Motion by Alderman Cole and second by Alderman Revelle to grant a one-time contribution of \$1,000 to the McLean County Economic Development Center and to consider future support on an annual basis. Motion carries unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Mayor met with Farnsworth and grant specialist regarding the IDOT Economic Development Road Construction Cost Sharing Program for the construction of Wirtz Way. The meeting was positive. The city's new auditor, Mike Canny, spent several days auditing the city. The audit went smoothly with the help of Star Torkelson. Matt Drew sent a letter appealing the City's determination that his pit bull is vicious. Drew has refused to acknowledge and abide by the city's ordinance related to restraining a vicious dog. A hearing, consistent with the City's code, will be scheduled for an unbiased hearing officer to consider the evidence and the appeal. The homeowner on Concord is hoping to have her driveway completed by the end of July. Martin Implement is willing to comply with concrete driveway approach requirements but would like to know specific requirements in order to determine costs. With regard to the annexation for Mark Freed's property on the NW side of the interstate; the layout provided is not going to work. Mayor has continued conversations with their representatives and the adjacent property owner in order to come up with another plan. The old Susan Wright property has been listed in an on-line auction Wednesday, July 24th. Mayor entered a pre-auction bid that was immediately rejected because it was below the auction reserve price. The Mayor will watch the auction process for an opportunity to acquire the property. Alderman Phelps will work with code compliance officer, Dave Jenkins, and Star Torkelson to get a monthly report on building permits issued and other work he is doing for the city. Alderman Revelle feels the city needs to hire a more reliable code compliance officer due to the large volume of complaints by residents who have placed calls that have never been returned. Alderman Cole provided some names of individuals who could possibly handle inspection of the Wirtz construction and eventually handle code compliance for the city in the future. He will make contact with the individuals and ask them to provide a proposal and an estimate of cost to the city. Last year the council approved a subdivision feasibility study to be prepared by MSA for an area on the east side of town. To date the report has not been provided and, with all the current projects pending, Mayor asked MSA to scratch the feasibility study at this time.

Police: Alderman Phelps noted a complaint regarding some lawnmowers and cars sitting on a property. He would like to send a formal request to the homeowner asking that they clean up the property. Alderman Johansen also received a complaint for the condition of a neighbor's property. He enlisted the on duty police officer to issue an ordinance violation. Alderman Cole discussed a large pile of tires filled with water at the city's rental property. Mayor reminded the council that it is the police department's job to enforce ordinance violations and issue fines.

Building/Insurance: -None

Finance/TIF: -None

Water: -None

Sanitation: -None

Streets/Alleys: Alderman Brill noted that the street department will be sealing streets Tuesday thru Thursday of this week. Recently the Street Dept. removed some trees from City right-of-ways with the help of Skip Schott and Logan Elias as other employees were working on other department projects. Alderman Brill suggests compensating both for the work they did to help Bill. This item will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Johansen to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 8/12/2013