

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

October 24, 2011

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor 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 Miller, Alderman Brill, Alderman Fiero, Alderman Revelle and Alderman Winterland. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Linda Hutchins, Bill Chaney, Susan Caney, Stephanie Sandre, Don Cavallini and Mike Beard.

It was moved by Alderman Brill and seconded by Alderman Fiero to accept the minutes of the October 10, 2011 Council Meeting and the October 4, 2011 TIF Public Hearing minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Revelle to approve the Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of bills in the sum of \$189,228.48. It was noted that approximately \$166,000.00 of this amount was a payment to Mid Illinois Mechanical for sewer connections. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input- Linda Hutchins addressed the council regarding her opposition to the TIF amendment as she feels more tax dollars are being taken from the fire department and the library. Mayor Mohr explained the minimal affect the new amendment will have on the library, fire department and school but discussed the positive overall impact the amendment will have in expanding the city's infrastructure to accommodate population increase while keeping utility fees reasonable and competitive with surrounding communities.

Devon Bernstein with Health Star Benefits insurance company was present to answer employee/council questions about the administration of the health care insurance program offered to city employees. Devon explained that the city is currently set up with a high deductible plan with an aggregate reserve that funds a portion of employee out of pocket expenses until deductibles are met. Within the first year of the city participating in this program there was a 16% decrease in premiums. Mayor Mohr is concerned about the level of the aggregate reserve and has asked Devon to research same.

Old Business: 1. Mobile Homes/Abandoned Car Ordinance- Alderman Fiero spoke with Dave Schneider who feels the only issues he's had concerning abandoned cars have been handled by speaking to the homeowners. Mayor Mohr had a meeting with Dave Jenkins who feels his focus should be more towards structural violations and the police department should take care of abandoned and improperly parked vehicles. Mayor Mohr feels that the City code is sufficient on both questions and encourages proactive enforcement by the police department. No action was taken and Mayor Mohr asked that this question be removed from the Council's agenda until future complaints are raised.

2. Old Fire Station Rental- Ryan Rich has indicated that liability insurance may be a cost that could prohibit him from moving forward with the sports enhancement business. He is asking for the lease to be on hold until he can further investigate liability insurance.

3. Vacation of South Street Between RR and Grove Street-Mayor Mohr is trying to get answers to the council's questions from the October 10, 2011 meeting. No action to be taken regarding this topic at this meeting.

4. Hansen Annexation Ordinance- Motion by Alderman Brill and second by Alderman Miller to adopt Ordinance 2011-9 An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Lexington, McLean County, Illinois (Hansen family Land Trust, Trustees Mark Hansen and Kim Hansen). Motion passed with a vote of 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain/Absent. **5. Wright Annexation Ordinance-**Motion by Alderman Winterland and second by Alderman Cole to adopt Ordinance 2011-10 An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Lexington, McLean County, Illinois (Charles A. Wright). Motion passed with a vote of 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Abstain/Absent. **6. BC Investments Annexation Ordinance-**Motion by Alderman Brill and second by Alderman Miller to adopt Ordinance 2011-11 An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Lexington, McLean County, Illinois (B.C. Investments, L.L.C.). Motion passed with a vote of 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain/Absent. **7. Ordinance Approving Second Amendment to the Lexington TIF District-**Motion by Alderman Revelle and second by Alderman Winterland to adopt Ordinance 2011-12 An Ordinance Approving The Second Amendment to the Lexington Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Project Area, Plan and Projects. Motion passed with a vote of 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Abstain/Absent. **8. Ordinance Designating Amendment Redevelopment Project Area for the Second Amendment to the Lexington TIF District-**Motion by Alderman Brill and second by Alderman Winterland to adopt Ordinance 2011-13 An Ordinance Designating the Amended Redevelopment Project Areas for the Second Amendment to the Lexington Tax Increment Financing District. Motion passed with a vote of 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Abstain/Absent. **9. Ordinance Adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the Second Amendment to the Lexington TIF District-**Motion by Alderman Winterland and second by Alderman Brill to adopt Ordinance 2011-14 An Ordinance Adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the Second Amendment to the Lexington Tax Increment Financing District. Motion passed with a vote of 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Abstain/Absent.

New Business:

Start Date on New Storage Building at Treatment Plant: Alderman Cole is asking the council to implement a start date on the public works building near the wastewater treatment plant. Mayor Mohr is asking the committees to meet and devise a plan for a building that will meet the needs of the city, keeping in mind the potential growth of the city. Alderman Revelle expressed concern regarding a six month waiting list with builders and wants to make sure another year does not go by without a plan and a commitment in place. Mayor Mohr advised the Water and Street Committees to review the design of the proposed building.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: - To date Mid-Illinois has laid 14,850 linear feet of pipe and has completed 190 connections. Three payments have been made to Mid-Illinois. The council will need to consider a loan for the remainder of the project soon. Both Commerce and Heartland will provide the city

with loan packages for consideration which will be much like a home equity line of credit. Some council members have fielded some complaints regarding the conditions of some yards after the connections have been made. Mayor Mohr has asked Mike Beard to speak with Tony Aberle, Mid-Illinois Mechanical project manager. Mayor has met with code officer Dave Jenkins regarding code enforcement and they have devised a plan to streamline the enforcement process. This will be discussed in further detail at a later meeting. Alderman Revelle is asking for clarification on garage specifications as he's been asked by a homeowner who was told to go to the zoning board of appeals.

Police-None

Building/Insurance- Alderman Miller was contacted by Val and Les Daniels regarding the monument in the town square. Troup 51 of the Boy Scouts will clean up the monument this fall and will haul the debris away at no cost to the city.

Finance/TIF- Alderman Winterland reminded the council that he will have two TIF programs for review at the next meeting. He will be looking for a commitment from the council to follow the plan to process the requests.

Water- None

Sanitation-None

Streets/Allys- None

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Miller to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 11/14/2011