

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

March 26, 2012

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:33 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 Revelle and Alderman Winterland. Alderman Higgins was absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Mike Beard, Sara Compton, Barin Compton and Don Cavallini.

It was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Brill to approve the March 12, 2012 meeting 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 \$222,501.23. Of that amount approximately \$192,000 was a payment to Mid-Illinois Mechanical for the sewer connections. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input- Sara Compton provided the council with a breakdown of her time spent managing the city's website, planning and marketing city sponsored events. She is asking for a pay increase as the amount of hours actually spent working on these projects was substantially more than were anticipated. Mayor Mohr asked Sara to give the council time to have their budget meetings before providing her with an answer.

Old Business:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 135 – To Prohibit Possession, Sale and Delivery of Drugs and Drug Paraphernalia- Motion by Alderman Winterland and second by Alderman Revelle to adopt Ordinance 2012-03, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 135 – To Prohibit Possession, Sale and Delivery of Drugs and Drug Paraphernalia. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Sidewalk Repairs- During Committee reports at the last meeting, Mike Beard provided estimates from two companies for sidewalk repairs. The sidewalk damage resulted from sewer construction and repairs were subtracted from the construction contracts in favor of more economical proposals from local contractors. Motion by Alderman Cole and second by Alderman Miller to award the job to Tom Stacy at \$3.50 per square foot; beginning on the East half of town to Pine Street and a total amount not to exceed \$15,000. Motion carries unanimously.

Support for Community Center- Mayor Mohr has spoken to Tom Morrison, Lexington Community Center board member, and has become aware that the Center is working hard to manage its resources. Mayor noted that the Community Center is a vital part of our community and, because the city uses the center on occasion without paying the usual rental fees, he is asking the council to consider a donation in the 2012/13 budget. The question will be forwarded to a future council meeting after budget meetings have occurred.

Ordinance Amending Chapter 1 of City Code Providing for a General Penalty and Settlement Procedure for Ordinance Violations – Mayor Mohr asked city attorney, Mike Tibbs, to draft this ordinance which will provide our police department with guidelines for penalties and settlement procedures for ordinance violations where one is not already spelled out in the code. Motion by Alderman Revelle and second by Alderman Miller to adopt Ordinance 2012-04. Motion carries unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: - Mayor discussed a letter council members received from resident, DuWayne Owens, regarding his water bill. Mayor is anticipating one more payment request from the IEPA loan for reimbursement to the City for sewer design expenses. This last payment request will be approximately \$1,000,000 and will be subject to the same terms as all previous IEPA loan receipts: 25% principle forgiveness and 0% interest amortized over 19 years. As of March 19th, 523 homes have been connected and the actual square footage is approximately 4.9% over what was estimated.

Police: - Alderman Brill noted that he has spoken with Dave Jenkins regarding the status of code violations. Dave is continuing to work with Virginia Grady and Mr. Brown regarding their buildings.

Building/Insurance-None

Finance/TIF- Alderman Winterland is asking for a budget meeting.

Water- None

Sanitation- None

Streets/Allys- Alderman Revelle noted that the street department is working to get a few pieces of sidewalk repaired.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Winterland to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 4/9/2012