

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

August 27, 2012

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:35 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 Higgins, Alderman Miller, Alderman Winterland, Alderman Brill and Alderman Revelle. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Don Cavallini, John Cheever, Jack Miller, Jill Mohr, Roland Frerichs, Bill Elias and Bob Kohlhasse.

It was moved by Alderman Miller and second by Alderman Winterland to approve the August 13, 2012 council minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Revelle to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$39,681.90. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input- Jack Miller is interested in purchasing the detached garage and a furnace in one of the two homes on Cedar Street recently purchased by the city. The council has suggested that salvage of items in any of the three buildings before demolition should be advertised to all residents. Mayor suggested advertisement in the water bill newsletter and possibly the Lexingtonian. This topic will be forwarded to the next meeting for further discussion.

Old Business:

Scroggins Cemetery: On behalf of the Scroggins Cemetery Board, John Cheever and Roland Frerichs asked the council to quit claim a 240 foot strip of land, referred to as the Pole Yard, to Lexington Township. Lexington Township currently maintains the cemetery grounds and shares the maintenance of the Pole Yard with the city. Some members of the Street Committee would prefer that the maintenance of that strip of land be the sole responsibility of Lexington Township. John Cheever presented the council with a recent survey obtain by the township and is offering to cover the costs of any legal fees associated with the transfer of the property. Motion by Alderman Revelle and second by Alderman Miller to convey the Pole Yard to the Lexington Township excepting any and all existing utility easements. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor will forward the survey provided by John Cheever to the city attorney for preparation of the quit claim deed.

Review of City Finances and Budget Performance: Mayor reviewed the city financial reports with the council. With street repairs a main topic of discussion, the review shows the city has roughly \$400,000 to comfortably spend on street resurfacing.

North Park Street Bid: Bob Kohlhasse with Farnsworth Group presented the council with street resurfacing options for North Park streets. Bob presented the council with three resurfacing options. The first option would be to do nothing but maintain it over the years with a seal coat. The second option would bring the North Park Streets up to the city's current new development code by milling away four inches of the surface to reach the base; spot repair the base and then reinstall four inches of hot mix at a cost of roughly \$600,000. The third option is a two inch hot mix asphalt overlay. This overly will cover two inches of the gutters but would leave two inches in the curb for drainage. Bob also noted that this option would provide for a petromat type underlayment to be laid on the road edges to prevent breakdown by garbage trucks and snow

plows. The cost for option three is roughly \$250,000-\$300,000. Sixteen core samples were recently taken of the North Park streets. Twelve of those samples revealed an adequate base. Option three would provide for fixing/build-up of the base in the areas the remaining four samples showed to be weak. Motion by Alderman Miller and second by Alderman Higgins to advertise for bids for option three, a two inch hot mix asphalt overlay with base repair where needed. Motion carries with a vote of 1 no, 5 yes.

New Business:

MFT Main Street Resolution & Bid: Bob Kohlhas of Farnsworth Group also discussed resurfacing options for Main Street beginning at the town square and going west. The plan includes milling two inches of the current surface, installing a petromat then relaying two inches of asphalt. Farnsworth has estimated the cost to be \$225,000. Because Motor Fuel Tax monies would be used for this project, a resolution outlining the plan is required to be signed at tonight's meeting and forwarded to the Illinois Department of Transportation for approval. Once the approval is received from IDOT, the city could advertise for bids and work could begin as soon as the first week in October. Motion by Alderman Brill and second by Alderman Winterland to adopt Resolution 2012-4 Supplemental Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code and to submit a motor fuel proposal to IDOT for the resurfacing of Main Street as described above. Motion passed unanimously.

IML – Risk Management Presentation: City pays for liability insurance through the Illinois Municipal League. City buildings and equipment were toured and inspected by a representative from IML. The IML representative spoke to the Mayor about finding a policy with a higher deductible which would lower the monthly premiums to save the city some money.

Driveway and Approach Construction Standards: Alderman Brill provided council members with a copy of the current ordinance pertaining to construction standards for residential/business driveways and approaches. Alderman Brill also produced a list of residences/businesses who have built homes or garages after the inception of the revised code on September 14, 2004 but currently have unfinished driveways and/or approaches. Alderman Brill would like the council to decide whether or not to enforce these types of code violations or remove this requirement of the code all together. The council would like some time to consider a course of action. This topic will be forwarded to the next meeting.

Water Leak at 12 Timber Ridge Drive: Homeowner, Roger Tucker, has asked the city to help him with the financial burden of his recent \$675.80 water bill. A hose attached to a water spigot burst while Mr. Tucker was out of town attending a funeral causing water to flow freely for several days. Alderman Winterland spoke of a similar situation that had come before the council in the past whereby they allowed the resident to make a payment plan with the city collector. Alderman Miller suggested providing Mr. Tucker with a rebate of the sewer charges and allowing him to make payments on the balance. Motion by Alderman Winterland and second by Alderman Cole to forgive the \$123.45 that is attributed to the sewer portion of the bill and allow Mr. Tucker time to repay the remainder of the bill in installments with no penalty. Motion carries with a vote of 1 no, 5 yes.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Support: No discussions due to time constraints. This item is forwarded to a future meeting.

Nicor Franchise Agreement: No discussions due to time constraints. This item is forwarded to a future meeting.

Garbage Contract: No discussions due to time constraints. This item is forwarded to the a future meeting.

City Employee Goals and Performance Evaluation Proposal: No discussions due to time constraints. This item is forwarded to a future meeting.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Regarding the summary abatement process for 429 West Main Street, Mayor has received a written letter from code compliance officer, Dave Jenkins, outlining the buildings deficiencies, the health department has issued a letter recommending nuisance abatement, and the Mayor is waiting to hear back from Ameren regarding their inspection. Mayor will forward all letters and evidence to the city's attorney so that he can prepare the ordinance violation.

Police: None

Building/Insurance: Alderman Miller received the appraisal for the Old Wooden Hare building. Marty Ryan has asked Alderman Miller for a copy of the appraisal and has indicated that they will be having the building appraised as well as they feel the purchase price set forth by the city is higher than the buildings worth.

Finance/TIF: None

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 9:55 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 9/10/2012