

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL
December 27, 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 Higgins, Alderman Miller, Alderman Revelle and Alderman Winterland. Alderman Brill was absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Mike Beard and Ray Tremblay.

It was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the December 7, 2012 Finance Committee meeting minutes and the December 10, 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 \$16,922.84. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input- None

Old Business: - None

New Business:

Municipal Electricity Aggregation: Mayor noted that he recently attended a Bloomington City Council meeting where municipal electricity aggregation was debated. In an attempt to undercover cost savings for such a program in our community, Mayor is asking an Alderman to volunteer to undertake the investigation of the cost effectiveness of these types of aggregate companies. Alderman Cole noted that he has not heard from any residents asking for input regarding this issue. The council unanimously decided to investigate companies in the future should residents express an interest.

Water Improvement Study Proposal from Farnsworth: Mike Beard provided council members with a copy of a water improvement study proposal by Farnsworth. This study is the first step in deciding type of water treatment plant would work for the city. Mayor feels this phase one study should provide a footprint of a location for the plant as well as a location for a tower. Motion by Alderman Cole and second by Alderman Winterland to adopt the phase one study from Farnsworth for water treatment plant improvements at a cost of \$38,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Hile Group Proposal for Community Vision and Team Collaboration: The Mayor has recently spoken to a consultant in Bloomington about helping us to arrive at a shared community vision and help us achieve a higher level of teamwork and cooperation. Mayor forwarded a proposal crafted by the consultant and asked council members to review it. Alderman Revelle noted that a survey circulated to residents 20 years ago showed residents would prefer the city stay small and did not want to see significant growth. He is concerned about the amount of opposition from the community regarding future growth. Mayor noted the importance of regulating the type of housing and businesses that come to town. Clerk Kunkel volunteered to

find the results of that residential survey and provide copies to council members. Discussion regarding this proposal will be forwarded to the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: The city zoning map is now on the GIS website. 114 & 116 Cedar Street demolition agreements have been signed and sent back. They are tentatively scheduled to begin demolition on January 7th. Mayor is meeting with the EDC on January 7th. They are interested in coming to town to see what the city has to offer so they can provide recommendations to future companies looking for land. The TIF annual report is complete and the annual TIF joint review board meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2013 at 7:00pm at City Hall. Ordinance 2011-17 was signed just recently as only a voice ordinance was passed back in December, 2011. This just confirms what was passed last December. Paul Peacock made a brochure for the city. His time and effort is greatly appreciated. CIRBN is going to provide city hall with 1 GB per second bandwidth. They will begin inside installations soon. Part of the agreement would allow the city to extend fiber optics to commercial businesses coming to town. The executed contract from ICOPS has been received. Dues will begin to be collected and paid. Mayor met with Mustali Carbaiewalla, owner of the building located at 316 W. Main. He confirmed that two of three apartments have been rented out and that rent for the restaurant is \$1600 per month. He does have plans to open a business in that location. Mr. Carbaiewalla is currently working with the health department to bring the kitchen up to code. Mayor stressed the importance of keeping up the appearances of his rental buildings and keeping them occupied.

Police: None

Building/Insurance: Alderman Miller noted that Mr. and Mrs. Ryan did clean up around the building after he spoke with them.

Finance/TIF: Alderman Winterland issued a reminder that TIF grant requests for the improvement program are due January 31st. Alderman Winterland has received one request and is aware of others that might be coming in. Sue Vincent sent a thank you card for the end of year bonus but returned the money.

Water: None

Sanitation: None

Streets/Allys: None

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Winterland to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 1/14/2013