

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

February 11, 2013

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:30 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, and Alderman Revelle. Alderman Winterland arrived at approximately 8:00 p.m. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Dave Schneider, Mike Beard, Terry Martin, Anita Martin, Ken Springer, Mike O'Grady and Christopher Phelps.

It was moved by Alderman Cole and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the January 28, 2013 council minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Revelle and seconded by Alderman Cole to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$28,663.18. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Input:** Terry Martin addressed the council regarding animal control. He is asking for a summary of the new animal ordinance be circulated with the water bill as he continues to have issues with dogs running loose in Timber Ridge. Chief Dave Schneider indicated that he and animal control officer, Dan McDaniels, will visit the repeat offenders in Timber Ridge and will advise them of the new animal control ordinance. Mayor Mohr also indicated that he would place some reminders on the water bill newsletter next month.

### **Old Business:**

**Police Chief's Report:** Police Chief, Dave Schneider, has nothing major to report at this time. He is working a theft of tail lights at Barker Chevrolet. He will be packing up the radar unit in the Explorer and will be sending it back to the company for repair. He had been having problems with it in the past few weeks but it has not quit working all together.

### **New Business:**

**McLean County Economic Development Council (EDC) Presentation:** Mike O'Grady and Ken Springer from the McLean County Economic Development Council addressed the council. Ken provided the council with an explanation of what the EDC does for all cities and towns within McLean County. He provided a hand out that outlined the necessities in making available properties in Lexington "shovel ready" should a business be interested in coming to Lexington. .

Ken noted that the EDC is a private non-profit organization whose source of investment comes from municipal investors like the communities of Normal and Bloomington as well as through the private sector. There is a 30 person Board of Directors which includes many investors from companies like State Farm Insurance and Illinois State University to name a few. The members of the board do not receive compensation or special benefit just an overall benefit from the EDC's mission. The CEO travels and attends many trade shows to generate and maintain relationships with companies with a potential to relocate or build in our area.

Mike and Ken fielded operational questions from the Mayor and some Alderman.

Ken indicated that one of the things he liked about our city's website is the available links to the TIF grant applications; however, he recommended that the application for development be shortened so a business asking for the grant can give a smaller amount of information and still be able to apply.

**Committee Reports:**

**Mayor:** -None

**Police:** -None

**Building/Insurance:** -None

**Finance/TIF:** -None

**Water:** Mike Beard circulated a bid by Devore Landscaping for materials to cleanup and relandscape the city monument. The Methodist church as well as Devore Landscaping are offering man power to do the work. This item will be on the next agenda.

**Sanitation:** None

**Streets/Alleys:** -None

Chuck Cole noted that the Legion will be replacing the flags on Main Street this year and is asking the city to help by paying half the cost. This item will be on the next agenda

Alderman Revelle inquired about protecting our water source from FRACTION drilling. Mayor Mohr asked him to research this and bring his findings back to the council

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Winterland to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 2/25/2013