

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

March 11, 2013

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:46 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, Alderman Winterland and Alderman Brill. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Dave Schneider and Christopher Phelps.

It was moved by Alderman Brill and seconded by Alderman Cole to approve the February 25, 2013 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 \$32,473.43. \$9,000 is a payment to Farnsworth for part of the water treatment plant study. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Old Business:

Police Chief's Report: Police Chief, Dave Schneider, indicated things have been pretty quiet as of late. The three cases he is working now are in the process of plea agreements.

New Business:

Shared Cost of Flag Replacement on Main Street: Alderman Brill attended the Legion meeting and they have asked the city to purchase a new POW flag as well as to split the cost of the replacement of the American flags on Main Street. Alderman Brill will check with Bill Elias on cost. Forward to the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Mayor was asked to participate in a program through Leadership McLean County where the participants' goal was to learn more about the county, local government and economic development. The city of Lexington received many compliments from the Normal City Manager with regard to the direction the city of Lexington is heading and the completion of infrastructure. Some of the questions fielded by the mayor concerned the new CIRBN broadband internet connection and the high speed rail system. Mayor noted there was a liquor code violation within the city. Police Chief, Mike Emery, noted that a minor posing as an undercover agent was able to purchase alcohol at the BP gas station by the highway. Mayor reviewed the options with the council regarding fines and fees. Because their last violation was in 2005, the Mayor recommended the same fine of \$500. Alderman Revelle inquired about liquor license applications from new restaurants. Mayor confirmed that the owner of the former Kenny's Restaurant has submitted an application for a liquor license. Mayor received a letter from the State Department of Revenue indicating that a liquor license hearing is scheduled for April for the owner of DAT Bar for failure to pay his state sales taxes. Regarding an update on the Wirtz project, mayor had a meeting today where they submitted their preliminary subdivision plat and

subdivision application. Mayor asked them to provide a legal description for the warehouse, the parcel that needs to be rezoned and a concept plan for the available lots that Wirtz has an option to purchase. The concept plan should demonstrate that proposed streets extend through the subdivision providing access to the north side of the farm property. The Planning Commission will need to accept the subdivision plat being presented by Wirtz before the City Council considers it. Earth moving could begin on the site in April with a plan for the completed shell of a building by December, 2013. Their projected occupancy date is February, 2014. On March 21st there will be a notice published in the Lexingtonian for the hearing before the Planning Commission on April 8th. Mayor discussed some of the terms of the Redevelopment Agreement. His projections, with regard to the tax incentive portion, are a worst case scenario that is revenue neutral for the city. The best case scenario would have the city receiving more than \$2 million in property tax increment over the remaining life the TIF district. Mayor has received several calls from residents who want to annex properties and someone is interested in building a subdivision by Meadow Ridge.

Police: -None

Building/Insurance: - None

Finance/TIF: Alderman Winterland will produce a list of TIF grant requests for council review and discussion at a later date.

Water: - Alderman Cole noted he has only heard positive comments from residents on the Wirtz project.

Sanitation: None

Streets/Alleys: None

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Winterland and seconded by Alderman Miller to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 3/25/2013