

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

March 25, 2013

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:36 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, John Cheever, Christopher Phelps, Julie Crouch and Joe Harrison.

It was moved by Alderman Brill and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the March 11, 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 \$25,526.48. \$9,800 of that amount was paid to Allied Waste and \$3,700 was paid to Corn Belt. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: John Cheever proposed the City share the cost with the American Legion of purchasing new American flags to display on Main Street. He commended the city employees for helping the Legion get those flags up and down each year. John would like to order three years worth of flags but noted that they have plenty of flag poles in storage. He'd like to order 75 flags and brackets and indicated the city's share of the cost should not exceed \$600.

Joe Harrison was in attendance. Joe is a real estate developer and a partner in a group that owns the remaining lots in Meadow Ridge. He has been building houses since 1984. Because he grew up in the Chenoa/Lexington area he believes Lexington is the top community in McLean County. Mayor had recently spoken with Joe regarding the building of a subdivision in Lexington. Mayor asked him to come to the council meeting to answer questions regarding the competitiveness of the remaining lots in Meadow Ridge as well as to express his opinion regarding lot prices for new subdivisions in the area. He feels Meadow Ridge built out slower than was planned and for several reasons. One reason was that the subdivision design resulted in the lots being too expensive. Each remaining lot is currently listed for sale at \$44,000. He feels if lot prices were reasonable, they would sell fast. In his opinion, lots priced at \$25,000 with municipal sewer hook ups would be attractive and a good value compared other areas in the County. He feels that some of the remaining lots would be more marketable as single story duplexes that are attractive to retirees. Mayor discussed some of the subdivision feasibility study information he received from MSA for the Stitcher Farm area.

Old Business:

Review of Upcoming Questions for the Planning Commission: Mayor reviewed the questions that the Planning Commission will consider at their meeting on April 8, 2013. There are several questions related to the Wirtz distribution center, Chuck Wright's proposed annexation and zoning and amendments to the zoning code.

New Business:

Shared Cost of Flag Replacement on Main Street: Motion by Alderman Brill and second by Alderman Winterland to approve the cost sharing of flag replacement on Main Street not to exceed \$600. Motion carries unanimously. John Cheever asked the city to make the purchase and bill the Legion. He will check to see if the city can place an order through the Legion's catalog to receive a discount.

City Budget Discussion: Mayor would like to set up a workshop date for the council to get together to discuss the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year budget. Council agreed on Saturday, April 6, 2013 at 7:00 a.m.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: -None

Police: Alderman Brill noted that one of the items he'd like discussed during the budget workshop is budgeting an additional amount for more part time police officer hours. Mayor encouraged Hank to review the PD activity to make sure all employees are making the best use of the time we're currently paying for. This item will be discussed at the budget workshop on April 6th.

Building/Insurance: - None

Finance/TIF: -None

Water: Alderman Cole noted that there are some bids for some sewer repairs in Meadow Ridge

Sanitation: None

Streets/Alleys: Alderman Revelle noted that our streets were in better condition this morning than Bloomington with regards to snow removal.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Winterland to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 4/8/2013