

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

April 8, 2013

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 Revelle, Alderman Winterland and Alderman Brill. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Dave Schneider, Don Cavallini, Donna Williams and Christopher Phelps.

It was moved by Alderman Brill and seconded by Alderman Winterland to approve the March 25, 2013 council minutes with a correction showing Alderman Higgins was absent. 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 \$252,887.23. There is a \$210,000 payment to the IEPA which is the first payment of this fiscal year but the third payment on the sewer project loan. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Donna Williams was present to ask that council and city residents for volunteers to assist with monitoring the children's inflatables at the Red Carpet Corridor May 4th. She left a sign-up sheet with City Collector, Starlette Torkelson.

Old Business:

Police Chief's Report: Police Chief Dave Schneider noted things have been relatively quiet. He attended some training today that will continue over the next couple of days. Mayor Mohr asked Dave to bring data to the April 15th special meeting regarding fine issuance over the last fiscal year.

New Business:

Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Budget: Mayor noted that he has finished inputting the personnel salaries in the budget worksheet and at this point things look pretty good. Mayor is encouraged that there is a surplus in every account.

Susan Wright Property Acquisition: The property is currently for sale and a local realtor has offered to make an offer on behalf of the city. Because the initial offer was discussed in closed session, Mayor is asking council members if they are still interested in purchasing the property, if they'd like to increase the original offer, or if they'd like to just drop the idea all together. Alderman Winterland would like the city to make an offer that is less than the amount previously discussed in closed session. Motion by Alderman Revelle and second by Alderman Miller to continue pursuing the acquisition activities on the Susan Wright Property. Motion carries unanimously.

Park District/Library Board Accounting Functions: Mayor spoke to Paul Peacock from the park district board. At this point they don't have full time attention to devote to their accounting and are looking for some help with internal controls. Mayor recommended the help of City

Collector, Starlette Torkelson. Star indicated that the current accounting program for the city cannot handle the park district accounting as well as the city's. The park district uses Quick Books and they are willing to provide her with their software. Any fees currently paid by the park district to their accounting person will have to be paid to Star. The Library Board is asking for assistance with payroll as well. Mayor's recommendation is that the finance committee meet with representatives of the park board and the library board to investigate any synergies between each board and the city. Motion by Alderman Winterland and second by Alderman Cole to refer this question to the finance committee for more research. Motion carries unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Buxton is a research company that provides reports on types of retail businesses that would be beneficial to cities. They have provided the city with a one time report for free. Mayor will email that report to council members for review. He has emailed the report to some potential investors in our area as well as current owners of vacant buildings to possibly give them ideas. The city's auditor sold his auditing practice to Canny Accounting, LLC, Springfield's largest accounting firm. Mayor met with some individuals regarding a subdivision out by Mounce Automotive.

Police: None

Building/Insurance: Alderman Miller contacted Devon Bernstein, the city's health insurance representative, to set up a time to have a meeting regarding the health insurance. He also spoke to Mr. and Mrs. Dodson who are still interested in purchasing the tanning salon building.

Finance/TIF: -None

Water: Alderman Cole noted that a bid for a sewer line repair will be on the next agenda.

Sanitation: None

Streets/Alleys: Alderman Revelle questioned how quickly lots would become available in a potential subdivision out by Mounce Automotive. Mayor feels lots could go up for sale by the end of the year.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Winterland to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 4/29/2013