

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL
February 10, 2014

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor John 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 Johansen, Alderman Miller, Alderman Fosen and Alderman Phelps. Alderman Revelle was absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, John and Diane Horonzy, Donna Williams, and Dan McDaniels.

It was moved by Alderman Johansen and second by Alderman Miller to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2014 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Fosen and second by Alderman Johansen to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$35,215.11. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Old Business:

Red Carpet Corridor: Donna Williams addressed the council regarding the damaged Memory Lane sign. She presented the council with an estimate for aluminum artwork that comes with a 10 year guarantee versus a vinyl wrap that only comes with a 2 year guarantee. The company will only supply the artwork and it will be the city's responsibility to repair the wooden billboard structure. The company requires a 50% deposit. Mayor noted that this is not a budgeted item but feels the sign is valuable to our community and worth repairing. Council members are in agreement that it should be done and done properly so it won't be ruined by the weather for a long time. Motion by Alderman Johansen and second by Alderman Cole to approve up to \$4,000 for the sign artwork and for the city to provide the materials for the frame. Motion carries unanimously. Donna is asking the Mayor to save the existing canvas. She would like to keep it. She is also still working on a plan for the Red Carpet Corridor.

Cappis Ordinance Violation: Mayor reminded Mr. Cappis that the council had already made a determination upholding the violations in a previous meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Horonzy were adamant that Mr. Cappis' dog has been doing its business in their yard and running at large. Mr. Cappis is asking that the violations be overturned on the basis that the city has no proof that his dog has left his yard and because he feels the ordinance is not being properly enforced. Alderman Phelps asked Mr. Cappis if his dog has ever been off his property unleashed. Mr. Cappis did not confirm or deny that question, however, pointed out that the ordinance had not been enforced by the city as written. Mayor reminded the council that they could reconsider the appeal or modify the code for additional clarity. Alderman Johansen feels the council should stick to its original ruling by upholding the ordinance violation and feels the police or council could then review and modify the dog ordinance if necessary. The rest of the council are in agreement with Alderman Johansen.

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Mayor: EDP Grant Money from IDOT: IDOT has agreed to pay the city's supplemental grant request in the amount of \$400,000. **Jaycee Hall Demo:** Bids were advertised in the Pantagraph. Contractors have until February 22nd to submit their bids. There is a question about possible asbestos in the roof. Alderman Cole inquired again about the contractors doing the work during off hours as not to disrupt business at the doctor's office. Mayor indicated that it is up to the contractors to take local businesses into account and act accordingly.

Police: Alderman Phelps reported that there was a theft at the Dollar General and the person has been caught. Police Chief, Dave Schneider, issued some friendly verbal warnings to people who have parked their cars on Main Street during the snow storms.

Building/Insurance: None

Finance/TIF: None

Water: None

Sanitation: None

Streets/Alleys: Alderman Johansen spoke with Bill Elias this afternoon. The city is down to one snow plow and about \$5,000 worth of repairs are required to fix the 1998 Ford. This is the first repair this plow has had since the city acquired it. Alderman Fosen inquired about the city's plan to fix the condition of the city streets where the sewer was installed and settling has occurred. Mayor directed him to the street evaluation done by an MSA Engineering last year.

Clerk, Melanie Kunkel, noted that some private snow removal companies have been pushing the snow onto sidewalks near the school forcing the children who walk to school to do so in the streets. She asked that the city issue a reminder in the water bill and/or Lexingtonian to the removal companies and the residents who employ them to make sure the snow is pushed away from or just up to the sidewalk; keeping a clear path for the kids to get to school. Mayor noted that, as a general rule, the city does not remove snow from city sidewalks except on Main Street and encourages residents to help keep sidewalks clear in residential areas.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Phelps to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 2/24/2014