

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL**  
May 26, 2014

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:33 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 Miller, Alderman Revelle, Alderman Phelps and Alderman Fosen. Alderman Johansen was absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Dennie Pignotti, Dottie Pignotti, Brianna Groth, Angie Groth, Don Cavallini and Charles Koch.

It was moved by Alderman Miller and second by Alderman Cole to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2014 council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Fosen and second by Alderman Revelle to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$294,344.38. \$244,389.14 is a bill for Stark Excavating for road work out in the new Trail Ridge subdivision. Mayor noted that this is the first payment the city has made to assist with the infrastructure in the new development and he feels the developer will not need the full \$450,000 allotted by the council in the Redevelopment Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Input:** Dennie Pignotti addressed the council with regard to the size of the park being constructed out in Meadow Ridge. His concern is specifically with regard to the construction of the basketball court and parking. He will canvas the neighborhood to get a handle on whether or not his community has the same concerns as he. Dottie Pignotti also voiced concerns over the basketball court as well as the overall size and aesthetic appeal of the park. She invited any member of the council to sit on their back deck and watch the sunset. Mayor indicated that he will speak with Josh Martin regarding revising the plan to accommodate the concerns of the residents in that area.

Charlie Koch notified the council that he has sold Koch's Depot. The individual who purchased the building plans to restore it back to its original condition. He's also concerned about patrons of the auction getting hurt by a roped off area the city has near his building. Alderman Revelle noted that the street repairs on Vine are a work in progress. Mr. Koch also the council to grant him permission to block off the alley on Fridays so patrons of the auction can move about freely without worrying about traffic. Mayor asked Alderman Revelle to speak with Bill Elias about dropping off two barricades for Mr. Koch to use to block off the alley during business hours.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

**4-H Landscape Project:** Angie Groth and Brianna Groth would like the 4H club to take back the landscaping of the gazebo park on Main beginning in the fall. The club intends to plant perennials and will maintain the condition of the park. Brianna also asked the council for a donation of \$150, which the 4H would match, to be used towards purchasing the necessary plant material. Motion by Alderman Revelle and second by Alderman Phelps to designate the gazebo park as a 4H maintenance spot and approve matching their contribution with \$150. Motion carries unanimously.

**Alley Variance for Auction House:** No action to be taken on the variance but Charlie feels his property is 5 feet short on the alley side after the sewer construction. Alderman Revelle noted that he and Bill Elias will look into it. Mayor pulled the easement files for Alderman Revelle to review and noted that the vacation and easement agreements between the Methodist Church and Mr. Koch are all in the file.

**Public Hall Hospitality Renderings:** Jon Kemp was unable to attend the meeting but will email renderings of his new buildings to all council members.

**Appropriation Hearing Date:** This hearing will be June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Real Estate – 115 Parkway:** This purchase was budgeted for. Miller, Hall and Triggs is handling the purchase and closing. The gas will need to be disconnected before the building can be demolished. Motion by Alderman Phelps and second by Alderman Miller to approve the verbal resolution for the purchase of 115 Parkway which is zoned B-1-general business district.

**Committee Reports:**

**Mayor:** The city has received an additional \$550,000 in grant money from IDOT.

**Police:** Alderman Phelps indicated that the committee met for Dave's 30 day review. The overall consensus of the group was that there are some positive results but still areas of concern especially related to communication and consistency in the items outlined for improvement.

**Building/Insurance:** Alderman Miller asked about the potential apartment buildings on the vacant city lots. Mayor indicated that Mr. Chaney has had to change attorneys and is still working on a final RDA.

**Finance/TIF:** None

**Water:** None

**Sanitation:** None

**Streets/Alleys:** None

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Fosen to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 6/7/2014