

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

July 28, 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 Revelle, Alderman Phelps and Alderman Fosen. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Don Cavallini, Sue Noland, Kayleigh Belvery, Rebecca Belvery, Stephanie Belvery, David Belvery, Tom Magnusson, Judy Peden, Jill Mohr, Leslie Mohr, Jerry Swartz, Britany Phelps, Bill Elias and Mike Beard.

It was moved by Alderman Revelle and second by Alderman Johansen to approve the minutes from the July 14, 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 \$42,964.17. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Appointment of Chief of Police: Mayor Mohr commented on how well Christophe Phelps and the police committee worked through the applications for police chief and thanked the entire council for their hard work. Mayor introduced his recommendation for the new Chief of Police, David T. Belvery. Mr. Belvery is a United States Army veteran with more than 20 years of police experience. He has received local, state and national recognition for implementing grant programs to reduce drunk driving and received awards presented by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists for his personal involvement in these efforts. He is credited with starting and managing Illinois' first police department anti-bullying community initiative in Creve Coeur. Mr. Belvery also demonstrated leadership in many roles throughout his career. Motion by Alderman Phelps and second by Alderman Miller to confirm the appointment of David T. Belvery as the Lexington Police Chief. Alderman Johansen thanked the council for their hard work. Motion passes unanimously. Council took a brief break to congratulate and welcome Mr. Belvery on his appointment.

223 Prairie Ridge Drive Flooding Response Plan: A sewer main was damaged during the construction of the new subdivision causing sewer backup into this home. Damage to first floor and basement is extensive. Mayor noted that as of today he received word that Stark has approached the owner and they have asked that all invoices pertaining to the damage be directed to them. Mayor asked Mike Beard to itemize the city's materials and time to issue an invoice to Stark as well.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: ICOPS Grievances-Last Monday all the ICOPS issues were resolved. There was 1 unfair labor practice charge that was resolved as well as all other grievances. The city has until September 23rd to reinstate the part time officers. Mayor spoke with the Sheriff regarding the protection the County is providing. They agree to cancel the contract once the City no longer needs them. With Mr. Belvery's start date being August 11th, Mayor's recommendation is to keep the county in town until the end of August which will give the new chief time to get his office in order. **Communities of Distinction-**City has received an invitation from a TV program called Communities of Distinction to work with them on a small feature in their program. Mayor feels this is a good opportunity to highlight some of the community's recent projects. More information to follow regarding air dates and channels.

Police: Alderman Phelps issued an ordinance violation to Steve Ross regarding a request made a month ago for him to move his garbage cans off the easement between his and his neighbor's property.

Building/Insurance: Alderman Miller is making arrangements to meet with someone regarding an alternative to the city's risk management services.

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 Phelps to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 8/11/2014