

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

February 23, 2015

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor John Mohr in the City Council Chambers at Lexington City Hall.

Mayor led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was taken to find the following physically present: Mayor Mohr, Alderman Miller, Alderman Johansen, Alderman Fosen, and Alderman Cole. Alderman Phelps and Alderman Revelle are absent. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Mike Beard, and Dave Belvery.

It was moved by Alderman Fosen and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2015 council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Fosen and seconded by Alderman Cole to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$58,616.72 which includes annual TIF agreement payments and semi-annual sales tax payments. Mayor wants to double check the accounting on the Chaney/BC Investments payment before distributing. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

LESO Federal Surplus Property Program: Chief Belvery provided the council with paperwork and a resolution for the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) Surplus Property program. Joining this program will allow the city's police and public works departments to obtain surplus governmental items for free or at a reduced cost. Some of the items available would be riot gear, shot guns, pistols, Tasers, vehicles and ammunition to name a few. It will cost the city about \$150 per year but the Chief feels the cost savings the city to realize on equipment purchases will pay back that \$150 yearly fee many times over. Motion by Alderman Cole and second by Alderman Miller to approve Resolution 2015-1, a Resolution for Participation in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program. Alderman Fosen asks that any equipment obtained by brought to the council's attention. Mayor noted that the council has only authorizing the \$150 fee to be a part of the program and is not authorizing any expenditures for equipment at this time. Motion carries unanimously.

Sewer Connection Fee: Mike Beard noted that the city has a sewer connection application that is used for new homes to apply for connection to the city's sewer system. He noted that the fee listed on the application is not designated in the city's code under the fee schedule. He recommends \$1,000 for residential homes and \$1,500 for commercial. Mayor feels this change is best handled through the creation of an ordinance and he will handle that.

Main Street Lighting and Planters: Alderman Phelps is absent so this discussion will happen at a later date.

Baseball Team Reunion Donation: Billy Dubois asked the Mayor to put this on the agenda. The 1990 baseball team is the only team in Lexington's history to win a state championship. They are having a reunion and Billy has asked if the city can help pay for the rental of the community center. Motion by Alderman Miller and second by Alderman Johansen to approve a donation not to exceed \$500. Motion carries unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: Mayor is still waiting on some draft documents pertaining to the new water treatment plant. He would like for all council members to be in attendance for discussions and voting on anything to do with the new water treatment plant. Mayor is researching some cost savings recommendations that he'd like to plan out completely before bringing the entire package back to the council.

Police: None

Building/Insurance: Mike Beard received a quote from Aramark for new rugs for City Hall's common areas. They will bring new rugs and will clean them monthly for \$1,500 a year. They require a 3 year contract. Mayor asked Mike to put it on his wish list of items for his budget.

Finance/TIF: Alderman Johansen asked if the city is over on the police budget. Mayor confirmed that they have exceeded the budget for the police department and still have some time left in the year. He noted that the council deliberately made decisions regarding new hires and training that are partially responsible for the overage. Alderman Fosen noted that legal fees for this past year were very high as well and the Mayor pointed out that some of the costs associated with the overage are one-time expenses that will not recur in the future.

Water: Mayor is pleased with how the city handled the problem with the increased nitrite levels. The problem was discovered on a Friday and Water Superintendent, Billy DuBoise, found the problem and fixed it immediately. He then followed the EPA's guidelines for public notification via a local newspaper and local radio stations. In the future the public works department will go beyond the EPA's recommendations and will report issues on the city's website and/or Facebook page.

Sanitation: Mayor reminded Alderman Johansen that the garbage contract is coming due and discussions with regards to a new contract should start over the summer.

Streets/Alleys: None

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Phelps to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 3/9/2015