

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL
March 28, 2016

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by City Clerk, Melanie Kunkel, in the City Council Chambers at Lexington City Hall.

Motion by Alderman Richard and second by Alderman Cole to Appointment Alderman Johansen as Mayor Pro Tem in the absence of Mayor Mohr. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll call was taken to find the following physically present: Alderman Miller, Alderman Cole, Alderman Johansen, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Richard and Alderman Stover. Members of the staff and public present were: Melanie Kunkel, Brad Fraher, and David Belvery.

It was moved by Alderman Cole and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2016 council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Stover and seconded by Alderman Meyer to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$11,904.26. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Brad Fraher addressed the council regarding solicitors in town. Says he's been aggressively pursued by two solicitors at his home. He noted that the cancer insurance solicitors aggressively pursued him and others in town today. He'd like to see the council make a change that does not allow outside solicitors but would allow local Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts or charge a solicitor's fee for their registration at city hall. Chief feels there may be a law that does not allow the exclusion of certain groups but will follow up on how to handle that. Alderman Johansen asked Chief to check with other towns to see how they handle solicitors.

Old Business:

School Promotion: Jason Thomas, a member of the school board, addressed the council regarding a promotional committee he is involved in that is trying to bring more visitors to town. During the Red Carpet Corridor there is a large softball tournament scheduled at Keller Park. The committee is considering providing a tram ride around town hosted by members of The Fort. Some local realtors are also going to have open houses that weekend and are planning for the trams to make stops at those. Jason is asking if the city can provide liability coverage for the tram rides and is asking that the city fund the coupons to hand out to individuals who attend the open houses. They've cancelled the previous idea of \$5 coupons for use at local businesses and he's asking the city to provide a coupon for carnival ride tickets in the hopes that this would bring those individuals back to Lexington a second time. He noted that Jon Kemp has offered to provide a donation of some sort to help offset that cost. Alderman Richard noted that he did check with the insurance company about tram rides and they indicated that it would only covered if this is a city sponsored event. Jason noted that the committee would be happy to hand the tram over to the city. Alderman Meyer indicated that he feels it should be placed on the next agenda specifically for the council to vote on using the city's liability insurance to cover the tram rides. Because there was a lack of information regarding how much carnival ride tickets will cost and

because the Mayor is absent to comment on the city's budget for this event, further decision regarding the city's financial backing of coupons is tabled for the next meeting.

New Business:

City Employee Medical EOB Submission Policy: Alderman Richard noted that an employee recently turned in EOBs dating back to 2014. He passed out a spreadsheet of the EOBs in question. Alderman Richard's recommendation is to only go back and pay July thru December 2015 because there were some struggles with the insurance turnover during that time that may have caused the delay in submitting the EOBs. Alderman Meyer noted that it is bad business to back and pay out of a budget year that has closed so he too feels it wise to disregard the EOB from 2014 and pay the \$447.77 for the 2015 EOBs. Alderman Richard indicated that all employees have been reminded that from this point going forward, any EOBs submitted outside the 90 day time frame will be denied. Motion by Alderman Richard and second by Alderman Meyer to pay \$447.77 for the EOBs from July thru December 2015. Alderman Cole noted that he feels the city pays for other items that are probably not necessary and in this case, because submitter is Alderman Cole's committee superintendent, he feels the council should pay it all. Motion passes with a vote of 4 yes, 1 no.

Committee Reports:

Mayor: None

Police: Alderman Meyer noted that a police committee meeting was held March 17th.

Building/Insurance: Alderman Richard noted that the risk management assessment has started on city buildings. They will be going over city policies and procedures and they will be reviewed by the insurance company's lawyers.

Finance/TIF: None

Water: Alderman Cole noted that 2/3 of the pipe for the water treatment plant has arrived and if the rain holds off they will start digging. Alderman Richard noted that Tom Morrison has asked the city to pay to plant radish and cabbage on the portion of their land being dug up.

Sanitation: Alderman Johansen noted that he is still in talks with a restaurant owner that is interested in building a new place in Lexington. He is also in talks with a pizza company out of Minonk who has been trying to get here but cannot find a building. Alderman Johansen has been working with Mustaali Carбайдwala on trying to negotiate some space in one of his buildings. . Alderman Johansen has also been working with the garbage company for an electronic device pick up day.

Streets/Alleys: Alderman Miller noted his department is continuing on with budget planning.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Stover to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kunkel, City Clerk

Approved: 4/11/2016