

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL****OCTOBER 23, 2017****7:00 P. M.**

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:00 P. M. by Mayor Spencer Johansen in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mayor Johansen led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken to find the following physically present: Mayor Johansen, Alderman Schreiber, Alderman Richard, Alderman Stover, Alderman Fosen and Alderwoman Wilson with Alderman Colclasure absent. Members of the staff and public present were: David Belvery.

It was moved by Alderwoman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Stover to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2017 regular City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Fosen and seconded by Alderman Stover to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay bills in the amount of \$30,303.51. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Input:**               **None**

**Old Business:**           **Consideration/Vote on property on Chestnut Street being donated by Sue Davis:** We are waiting on Tom Shields to get together the figures on the closing costs on this property. This vote will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**New Business:**           **Consideration/Vote on Assisting Trail Committee with Installing Benches on Trail:** At the Trail Meeting last Monday they want to put up six benches on the Ollie and Dorothy Myers Trail. As long as there is no time line and the City employees can do it in their own time the Mayor recommends that we do the installation. We did the last ones and this way we will have some say as to where we want to put them. Motion was made by Alderman Fosen and seconded by Alderman Richard to assist the Trail Committee with installing the Benches on the Ollie and Dorothy Myers Trail. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration/Vote on Resolution 2017-6 Supporting Illinois Bicentennial Celebrations:**

This resolution endorses the efforts of the Illinois Bicentennial commission in promoting, planning and executing historic, educational, celebratory and cultural initiatives to recognize and celebrate the Bicentennial of the State of Illinois. Motion was made by Alderwoman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Stover to approve Resolution 2017-6. Motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

**Mayor's Report:**       The Halloween party is Sunday, October 29, 2017, and all council members need to be at the school cafeteria by 1:45 p.m. to help with serving hot dogs and other festivities. There will be City wide trick or treat hours of 5-8 p.m. following the party.

At the last meeting we discussed resolving the dirt issue at the water plant and I addressed this issue with PJ Hoer this week. We have decided to purchase and put in a Brine meter at the plant and the cost of this meter is \$3065. PJ Hoer has agreed to waive this purchase price in response to the dirt issue.

The notice for selling the surplus property was put in the Lexingtonian, bids will be opened at 3 p.m. on November 13, 2017. Final decision will be on the agenda for that council meeting.

Annual TIF Joint Review Meeting will be November 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. and the Tax Levy meeting will be November 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

The City's annual Christmas Party will be December 9, 2017 at the Community Center.

Training on operation of the new water plant will start tomorrow, October 24, 2017, with Tonka. All City staff will take the training. We are now just waiting on the operation permit. The plant is looking really nice.

**Police:** We have two part time officers ready to be hired that are going thru training now and will be available for hire in November. That will give the department 7 part timers.

The cameras are ordered but not here yet.

**Building/Insurance:** We are meeting with insurance companies and going to make a choice on insurance coverage. Deciding whether to go with Blue Cross/Blue Shield or Health Alliance. Whatever we decide, if we are going to switch, we must give our current insurance a 30 day notice.

Update on the Rec-Center: The committee is doing more design work that would make it appear more appealing. They are not quite done yet.

**Finance/TIF:** The annual TIF Joint Review Meeting is coming up November 13, 2017.

I would like to have a meeting sometime in December to discuss TIF protocol.

**Water/Sewer/Sanitation:** None

**Street/Alley:** None

There being no further business motion was made by Alderman Richard to adjourn at 7:19 P. M. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pati Pease

City Clerk

Approved: November 13, 2017