

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL**NOVEMBER 27, 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, Alderman Colclasure and Alderwoman Wilson. Members of the staff and public present were: Don Cavallini, David Belvery, Mike Scott, James Scott, Kelly Scott and Kelly Gordon.

It was moved by Alderman Colclasure and seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2017 regular City Council meeting and the minutes of the 2016 City of Lexington Tax Increment District Joint Review Board 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 \$7,673.10. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Old Business: None

New Business: **Discussion/Vote Hiring James Scott as Part Time Police Officer and Swearing in of New Officer:** Police Officer Candidate James Scott shared a brief biography with the police committee when they met earlier this month. He comes to us from Bloomington, Illinois where he currently resides. He is a graduate of Bloomington High School where he played baseball for all four years. James is a 2013 graduate from Illinois State University with a degree in Telecommunications. He also served our country in the Marine Corps from 1998 to 2007 with two tours overseas in Iraq.

James is currently employed with State Farm in Bloomington Where he works in their I.T. department. On the personal side, James is married to Kelly and together they have three children Kailey-17, Andrew-15 and Jackson-6.

Candidate Scott was unanimously recommended by the police committee. Motion was made by Alderman Richard and seconded by Alderman Colclasure to hire Candidate Scott as a part time police officer for the City of Lexington. Motion carried unanimously.

Candidate Scott's father, Colfax Chief-of-Police Mike Scott, swore him in as police officer for the City of Lexington.

Discussion/Vote on Purchase of Utility Vehicle: It was brought to the Council's attention that the work crew needed a gator or similar utility vehicle so they do not have to borrow one as they have done in the past. Alderman Richard stated that with the equipment that we have sold and what we have left to sell, he felt we have money to purchase a utility vehicle for use by City employees. He brought several proposals from vendors in the area. The ones that the employees like the best run around the \$15000 range. The dealerships are having holiday sales right now and he would like to be able to purchase one if he found one that met all specifications. He also wanted all three of the employees to test drive to make sure all three of them approved it before the purchase was made. He wanted the council to approve \$15,000 so he would have the funds if and when he found something suitable. There was also some discussion on purchasing a sprayer but it was decided that that purchase could wait until next year. Alderwoman Lisa asked that they try to buy local, even if it costs a little more, if at all possible. Motion was made by Alderman Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to spend up to \$15,000 on a gator type utility vehicle payable out of the funds from the sale of equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Richard noted that we did receive \$8500 from the sale of the chipper.

Discussion/Vote on Variance for Dan Roberds: Zoning Board Chairman Don Cavallini stated that this was the first time the Zoning Board had met in over 10 years. Dan Roberds was asking for a variance to add a 7 foot long porch to 407 E. Wall Street. After a brief discussion there were no objections to the request and the board approved the set back. Motion was made by Alderwoman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Stover to approve the zoning request for Dan Roberds. Motion carried with one Alderman voting other.

Consideration/Vote on Ordinance 2017-8 Tax Levy FY 2017-2018: This was discussed in detail at the Tax Levy Meeting held this date at 6:30 p.m. Motion was made by Alderman Richard and seconded by Alderman Stover to pass Ordinance 2017-8. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration/Vote on Ordinance 2017-9 Abating the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2016 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on General Obligation Bonds (alternate Revenue Source), Series 2013, of the City of Lexington, Illinois: This was discussed in detail at the Tax Levy Meeting held this date at 6:30 p.m. Motion was made by Alderman Fosen and seconded by Alderman Stover to pass Ordinance 2017-9. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Mayor's Report: I had a call from Invenergy and they would like to be on the agenda for the December 11, 2017 meeting. At that time they will have a site map and will present us with a formal request for a resolution to allow wind turbines within the mile and one half set back to the City of Lexington, but there will be no vote that night. They will invite everyone up to their office to look at the maps.

Alderman Fosen and I had a meeting with Fred from the brewery and he is planning to open January 15, 2018.

The dump truck has not sold and we can dispose of it any way we see fit. I will try to put it on-line, in the IMRF classified, and perhaps park it on Tom Kinsella's lot with a for sale sign on it. If anyone has any other ideas, please let me know. The new dump truck is in, all we need to do to it is put the lettering on it.

Christmas on the Prairie is Saturday, December 2, 2017, and the tree lighting is Saturday night at 5 P.M. at the Park. All the lights worked as of last week. Hope everybody can make it.

City Christmas Party is December 9, 2017. Everybody got an invitation, make sure you RSVP to Star. Hope everyone can attend and bring their spouse.

I have heard nothing from Casey's. I will call again toward the end of next month.

Police: The cameras are in and will be installed this weekend, December 2, 2017.

The Chief has had a discussion with a VP of Ford Motor Company regarding the new squad car. The new part for the car is in but they are having trouble programing the car. It seems to be two binary codes that do not match up. It seems that the problem is Ford wide and he would not give a time frame of when the car would be fixed. The City has been two months without a squad car. Alderman Richard feels Ford needs to make this right somehow.

Building/Insurance: None

Finance/TIF: There will be a TIF meeting the afternoon of December 13, 2017 to go over the TIF guidelines for the next year.

Water/Sewer/Sanitation: None

Street/Alley: None

There being no further business motion was made by Alderman Richard to adjourn at 7:34 P.M. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pati Pease

City Clerk

Approved: Approved: December 11, 2017

