

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 14, 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 Wilson, Alderman Colclasure, Alderman Richard, Alderman Stover and Alderman Fosen. Members of the staff and public present were: Sue Noland, Lucy Loper, Ashley Hacker, Don Cavallini, Jay Cappis and Dave Belvery.

It was moved by Alderman Colclasure and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve the minutes of the July 24, 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 \$47,892.37. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Lucy Loper representing the Library, passed out information regarding the open house the library is having August 27, 2017 from 2-4 P. M. They are having a number of family friendly activities including The Fort's Scenic Players, Outdoor Storytime, Jr./Sr. High Scavenger Hunt, Book Cover Sidewalk Art, Historic Trivia, Old Timey Music, Euchre Tables on the Lawn and Phace Painting (by Piper). They also are having self-guided building tours to show off their new gardens and computer labs among other things. Light refreshments will be served. This will be held rain or shine.

Old Business: Consideration/Vote Ordinance 2017-6 Amending Chapter 240-16 of the Code for the City of Lexington for the Purpose of Elimination Through Traffic Streets: The history behind the through street is it was established when Main Street was a county road up to the grocery store. Then in 1999 when it was repaved it was signed over to the City of Lexington. Now we have drawn up an ordinance to take care of this. We have also taken care of the parking by putting no parking areas within 30 feet of the approach to the stop signs and at the Community Center. Public comment was why parking and visibility weren't taken into account before the decision was made to spend money to put in a stop sign? The Mayor agreed that those facts should have been looked at but the stop sign was going to remain and the parking areas will remain. Motion was made by Alderman Richard and seconded by Alderman Colclasure to approve Ordinance 2017-6. Motion carried with 5 yes and 1 no.

Discussion on Lease for Dump Truck: The lease will be coming from Commerce Bank and we should have by Friday, August 18, 2017. The Mayor will get the proposals out to everyone as

soon as he gets them. Rates have not changed and we will have the lease available for discussion at the next meeting August 28, 2017. Alderman Fosen thinks we should bring the amount down to \$70-\$75,000 so we do not have such a large amount. That way when we think about buying another truck down the road we will not owe as much. He believes we waited a little too long to purchase a new truck and should finance for a shorter amount of time. The financing on the loan is around \$11,000 for 7 years. For 5 years the finance charges would be about half the money, if we only financed \$75,000 rather than \$100,000 as originally proposed. The question was asked, if we have the money in the budget to pay cash, why we want to finance the purchase. Financing the purchase frees up \$100,000 for other things down the road or if we want to bring new businesses to town. The question was asked, if we needed new businesses in town, they will take business from our existing businesses. The mayor stated we cannot stop them from buying land and building in town. The reason we initiated the call to Casey's is the citizens of Lexington asked why we do not have a Casey's. It was decided that the money is in the budget to purchase the dump truck. And the council would like to have Commerce put together an additional lease proposal for \$75,000 for 5 years which means we may not have the proposal by Friday August 18, 2017.

New Business: Consideration/Vote on New Sewer Pump: Repair men were here looking at the #5 pump today and recommended that we have a backup pump in case one breaks down and we would need to send it in for repairs. The City has no backup pump. All lift station pumps are the same and interchangeable. As of this evening the pump is up and running. The funds are in the budget for a new pump. This would be from the same company that we got the original pumps from. The mayor thinks that purchasing a backup pump is a good idea. Motion was made by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Schreiber to approve the purchase of a backup sewer pump at a cost of \$5,451.33. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration/Vote on Amendment to Agreement to Burbach: The swimming pool will need to be replaced or repaired but this does not change the amount that we are to pay and have not paid yet. The pool has an issue on its own, so they are going to see what the problem is, what type of things are available, interest, etc. There will be a fact finding meeting to learn something and go forward to see what the community needs and interests are. Everything is still in the very early stages for a Rec Center. Motion was made by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Stover to sign the amendment to the Agreement to Burbach. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Mayors Report: He met with Mark Hanson who owns the property in front of Wirtz to let him know that the City will not be putting any roads in front of Wirtz although plans do call for roads. It is too expensive a project for us to take on. I met with him to give him a heads up. He needs to devote more time to trying to sell that land and he is going to bring in some fill to make the area a little more attractive to buyers. Casey's is looking at land in that area. Any type of business that goes in there will need to be big enough for us to put in roads.

I did meet with Casey's and they expect to have an answer in a month.

The City of Roanoke Village President was here to see the new water plant and they are going to use P J Hoer for their water plant.

Police: Alderman Colclasure was highly impressed with Officer Speciale when he was seen playing baseball at the school. Also he was highly impressed with Officer Carter with his expertise at unlocking a car with the keys locked inside.

Chief Blevy reported that he was picking up the new squad car on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, and it will be on the road in the next week and then it goes in the week after that to get all equipment and decals installed. It will be ready to go when the governor arrives September 23, 2017.

Building/Insurance: None

Finance/TIF: Thrift Avenue is the only pending application on file at this time and should be brought for a vote for at the next council meeting, August 28, 2017. Thrift Avenue is sponsoring a Trail Market on Sept 10, 2017, from Freedom Station South on Rt 66.

The Mayor asked that the TIF committee get started on reworking the TIF guidelines for next year. He has been working on some thoughts that he has had and will get those to the committee.

Water/Sewer/Sanitation: None

The governor is coming September 23, 2017. There will be 500-800 motorcycles in town. They will be travelling down Memory Lane and end up on Main Street. . Main Street will be closed while the governor is in town. He will give a speech and honor 4 legion members and first responders. He should be here around 45 minutes. We hope to be able to have the school band involved to play while he is here as well. The Chamber of Commerce will be involved and will be passing out water. The City will be selling Lexington lapel pins which if there are any leftover Sondra Wisdom has agreed to put in her shop to sell. We are hoping the motorcycle riders will remain in town long enough to visit our shops and eat a meal while here.

Don't forget Lexington Night at the Cornbelter's game on August 25, 2017. Lexington Jr High Baseball teams will be on the field during the singing of the National Anthem and Tara McGraw will sing the Anthem. The Mayor will throw out the first pitch

Streets/Alley: The City is going to install two bases at the Main and Cedar Streets stop sign to make it smaller.

Street sealing is all done. A day of spray patching left. Finish street painting this week.

Rowe Construction will start paving Main Street by the end of the week, weather permitting. Three paving patches are complete.

There was a suggestion that something should go in the Lexingtonian to keep the citizens informed of what is going on in Lexington the next week. There are several articles telling what is going on but there is not one place listing all activities in Lexington. Star tries to put out on the water bill, the web site and Facebook all activities but probably wouldn't hurt to have something in the Lexingtonian or even the Pantagraph.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

By Pati Pease

City Clerk

Approved: August 28, 2017