

The pledge was presented and Carolyn Houseworth gave the invocation.

The City Council of the City of Lexington, Missouri met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers at the City Hall on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 with Mayor Aull presiding.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and roll being called, the following members of the council answered as follows: Present: Donna Sims, Steve Terry, Carolyn Houseworth, Rodney Wolken, Frank Ashinhurst, Earl Parris, Jim Pohle and Scott Lynn. Absent: none. Also present: Carla Ghisalberti, City Clerk and Mark O'Dell, City Administrator. Whereupon the Mayor declared a quorum present.

The Mayor moved #20 to #11A and combined #13 & #14 of Discussion Items. Steve Terry moved Chip Langman to #8 of Consent Items and requested that each item have a roll call vote. Motion by Terry seconded by Pohle to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**Citizen's Participation:** none

**New Employee Introductions & Recognitions:** none

**Consent Agenda Items:**

1. Motion by Parris seconded by Houseworth to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on December 10, 2019. Motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE was answered as follows: Aye: Ashinhurst, Wolken, Houseworth, Terry, Sims, Parris, Pohle and Lynn. Nay: none.
2. Motion by Ashinhurst seconded by Pohle to approve the appointment of Tim Crosson to the P&Z Board with a term to expire 3/31/2020. Motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE was answered as follows: Aye: Lynn, Pohle, Parris, Ashinhurst, Wolken, Houseworth, Terry and Sims. Nay: none. The Mayor will come back in March and re-appoint him.
3. Motion by Ashinhurst seconded by Parris to approve the appointment of Jim Kenney to the Hospital Board with a term to expire 2/09/2024. Motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE was answered as follows: Aye: Pohle, Parris, Ashinhurst, Wolken, Houseworth, Terry, Sims and Lynn. Nay: none.
4. Motion by Parris seconded by Houseworth to approve the appointment of Chip Langman to the Hospital Board with a term to expire 2/09/2024. Motion failed. ROLL CALL VOTE was answered as follows: Aye: Houseworth, Parris and Lynn. Nay: Pohle, Ashinhurst, Terry, Sims and Wolken. Parris asked why there was not any discussion prior to this.

**Financial Items:**

Approve the financial reports for December 2019: City Collector's Report - \$677,122.57, City Treasurer's Report - \$5,542,537.37 and Municipal Court Fine Report - \$1,138.12. Motion by Parris seconded by Lynn to approve the monthly financial reports for December. Motion carried. Parris asked if the report had changed it seemed different- the page with the notes, leases and bonds was not attached. Parris stated that with the Park Board report, he would like to know about some of their capital expenses – have them come to the council meeting.

Approve the payment of the bills:

General Fund	Dec. 11-31, 2019	\$265,433.44	Council approval required for \$87,236.83 for checks written on 1/14/2020.
	Jan. 1-14, 2020	<u>\$150,323.19</u>	
		\$415,756.63	
Sewer Fund	Dec. 11-31, 2019	\$ 11,449.30	Council approval required for \$12,987.47 for checks written on 1/14/2020.
	Jan. 1-14, 2020	<u>\$ 20,691.44</u>	
		\$ 32,140.74	
Water Fund	Dec. 11-31, 2019	\$ 12,628.31	Council approval required for \$18,025.37 for check written on 1/14/2020.
	Jan. 1-14, 2020	<u>\$ 28,243.79</u>	
		\$ 40,872.10	

Motion by Parris seconded by Sims to approve the payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried.

**Discussion Items:**

**Health, Dental, Life & Vision Insurance:** Scott Hefner with Bukaty was present: he has also been very active with the WMA Board, the WMA museum, treasurer for the museum and is the WMA Alumni President. Hefner went out and shopped different plans. The City currently offers 2 plans: BCBS PPO and BCBS Blue Select. The proposed increase is 7.9% for the current plans which is an \$18,000 annual increase. Hefner recommended adding an additional plan called Spira Care with a \$1500 deductible however the providers are limited with the closest provider in Liberty. The United Healthcare dental, life and vision plans will not change with any increase in premiums. Hefner would like to offer a Guardian option for the employees to look at for additional insurance coverages, an online application process and suggested a defined contribution by the City where the City would pay a set amount for insurance (\$530) which is the highest plan cost. The defined contribution would give some relief for the dependent costs on the other plans. There will also be a plan description recording available. With the Blue Select and the Spira plans if there is an emergency then insurance would pay, if not, then the employee would incur the cost. LRHC is not part of the Blue Select or the Spira. The Spira Care is accepted nationally but you have to stay in the 32 counties in this area. The employees will have the choice to select any of the 3 plans. Motion by Lynn seconded by Ashinhurst to approve renewing with the current plans BCBS PPO and BCBS Blue Select. Motion carried.

**Hospital Board:** Jim Kenney was present. There were at least 120 rural hospitals nationwide that have shut down in the last decade, 11 in Missouri. In May we will complete the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the 15 year lease with LRHC for the city owned hospital. The Hospital Board can only spend money on the hospital and/or health related projects. The City in 2011 requested an accelerated end-of-lease payment \$515,000 from the 1986 lease agreement – that was then used to pay the architectural fees when considering a new hospital. The Hospital Board reimbursed the City that \$515,000 however the State Auditor's said they should not have reimbursed the City. The City did give a portion of the College Park bank for the new retaining wall which has now been added as part of the hospital lease. As part of the settlement agreement from October 23, 2018 the City is to make improvements to the street and curbing on 16<sup>th</sup> Street to Main Street and make improvements to the College Park restroom within 1 year of the effective date – that has not been done. Kenney proposed putting together a group to look at a long-term plan for the improvements. In 2019 the Outpatient Clinic averaged 1500 visits a month, the ER averaged 800 visits a month and in November the 3D mammography/imaging opened and has averaged 150 visits monthly. The Pony Express monument will be placed at the entrance to the hospital on State Street, the wall has been completed, the pharmacy (\$750,000 addition) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor now can mix/handle cancer medications and they plan on redoing and expanding the cafeteria in 2020.

**Police Board:** Charlie Guthrie gave an update on the Police Chief selection; they are moving slower than anticipated. They are putting together a more detailed job description and duties; hopefully present a name in February. The Board to take a more active role in the goals and objectives within the department. Pohle asked how many applicants will be presented to the council- Guthrie feels that it is the Boards job to present 1 name. Guthrie thanked Sgt. Sims for all his help and assistance with the concerns. The Board wants to select the right person for the city and citizens and not just fill the position. An agent with Ameritrust met with O'Dell and Sgt. Sims to look at and review all aspects of the department to reduce any possible liability. Four issues are to: develop a new SOP, the storage of records/retention, storage of evidence and enhanced training.

**Employee Salaries:** The budget committee met in November and discussed pay increases. The budget committee again met on January 8<sup>th</sup> and discussed pay increases. The committee agreed to increase all employees that are making less than \$12.00 up to \$12.00 per hour, to move 1 employee to \$12.73 due to length of service and to make it retro back to the closest pay period of 11/13/19. The pay increase will come from the \$12,000 not being used for the trail this year – it will have to be budgeted for next year. O'Dell to come up with a pay scale to be followed in upcoming FY21. O'Dell recommends that at the beginning of each fiscal year a cost of living raise be implemented. Motion by Parris seconded by Sims to approve the pay increase of up to \$12.00 for those that are not currently making \$12.00, increase an employee to \$12.73 and make it retroactive back to a pay period close to 11/13/19. Motion carried. The committee also agreed to add part-time help at the pound on weekends for 4 hours per day at \$10.00 per hour maybe 2 individuals so they can alternate weekends. Motion by Parris seconded by Ashinhurst to approve adding part-time help at the pound at 4 hours per day at \$10.00 per hour. Motion carried.

**Demolition Bids-1824 South Street:** Demolition bids were received from: Grisham \$35,500, L&K Land \$9,500 and Earthworks \$7,600. The original bid from L&K was for \$7,000. Petray stated that as the contractors become aware of what is required their fees are increasing. Petray recommends Earthworks. Motion by Lynn seconded by Parris to approve the demolition bid from Earthworks for \$7,600. Motion carried.

Fire Dept. Copier Lease: Currently the department has a lease that will expire February 18<sup>th</sup> at a monthly lease of \$246 for black/white copies only. The proposed lease from Sumner One is for \$142 monthly including color copies. Sims presented Ordinance No. 2020-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LEXINGTON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF A COPIER LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSOURI AND SUMNER ONE. Motion by Parris seconded by Lynn to read the ordinance the first time. Motion carried. Ordinance read the first time. Motion by Parris seconded by Ashinhurst to read the ordinance the second time. Motion carried. Ordinance read the second time. Motion by Parris seconded by Lynn to place the ordinance on it's final passage. Motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE was answered as follows: Aye: Sims, Terry, Houseworth, Wolken, Ashinhurst, Parris, Pohle and Lynn. Nay: none. Whereupon the Mayor declared the ordinance duly passed.

Hach Turbidity Agreement: The City currently has an agreement with Hach. The agreement renewal is for \$5,141. Turbidity monitors the cloudiness in the water. Sims presented Ordinance No. 2020-02 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN HACH AND THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSOURI. Motion by Parris seconded by Lynn to read the ordinance the first time. Motion carried. Ordinance read the first time. Motion by Parris seconded by Lynn to read the ordinance the second time. Motion carried. Ordinance read the second time. Motion by Parris seconded by Lynn to place the ordinance on it's final passage. Motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE was answered as follows: Aye: Houseworth, Wolken, Ashinhurst, Parris, Pohle, Lynn, Sims and Terry. Nay: none. Whereupon the Mayor declared the ordinance duly passed.

Site Lines/Setback: This brings conflicting ordinances in line and defines how to determine setback requirements. At one location in the ordinances the setback was 20' and in another it was 25'. Sims presented Ordinance No. 2020-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22A AND 29, "SECTION 22A-16 AND 29-27" OF "THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSOURI". Motion by Parris seconded by Lynn to read the ordinance the first time. Motion carried. Ordinance read the first time. Motion by Parris seconded by Pohle to read the ordinance the second time. Motion carried. Ordinance read the second time. Motion by Parris seconded by Houseworth to place the ordinance on it's final passage. Motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE was answered as follows: Aye: Wolken, Houseworth, Terry, Sims, Lynn, Pohle, Parris and Ashinhurst. Nay: none. Whereupon the Mayor declared the ordinance duly passed.

#### **Reports:**

##### **Committee Reports:**

Administration- No meeting last month. Next meeting January 28, 2020.

Municipal Services- Met on January 14, 2020 and discussed: 1) **Business License Fee-** The committee discussed the draft ordinance for Chapter 13 and agreed to charge a flat fee of \$40 for merchants and to remove Section 13-5 the administrative fee of \$30. Motion by Lynn seconded by Houseworth to approve the \$40 merchant fee and remove the administrative fee \$30. Motion carried. The final draft at the next council meeting. 2) **Warning System-** The committee heard an issue regarding being out of compliance with storm warning system. The estimated cost is \$3100 to bring it into compliance and an additional \$900 for new batteries for those systems. Randall Hansen to get additional information on costs. Next meeting February 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

**Liaisons:** no reports.

##### **Department Heads:**

Fire- Chief Weber informed council that in 2018 they ran 1575 calls, in 2019 they ran 1946 and at the current pace they could run over 2100 calls. There have been 6 structure fires since November. Appreciated the pay increase for the firefighters. Truck #8 with the 105' ladder was used at the fire on Franklin.

Police- Sgt. Sims informed council that the radar units are now in the vehicles, calls are up and they are working on the insurance issues. There have been issues with motorcycles and ATV's on the railroad trail and problems with the police getting access to the trail. Maybe the placement of 2 gates will help but there is still a concern with people entering from their own property. Chief Weber stated that the Gator is available.

Street- Supervisor Pence informed council that they used 2 crews on the last snow removal so everyone got a break. A lot of good compliments from the citizens on how quickly the snow is removed.

Bldg. Inspector- Petray informed council that the building permit numbers are up- there were 193 permits issued which has been a \$2.5 million investment to the community. The abatement of the carriage house on South Street has begun. The

house at 1113 SW Blvd is almost done with final grading left. There are 3 trailers scheduled for demolition hearings. The burnt house at 1515 Franklin has started the cleanup process.

Water/WWTP- Joe Clifford presented council with a chart showing what the turbidity meter records, working on end of year reports for DNR, working on the March land application process and preparing for the possible upcoming flood. The turbidity meter also shows the water levels in both water towers.

Animal Control- Meghan has picked up 108 dogs with 67 transferred out, 28 adopted and 0 euthanized. She has picked up 150 cats, 4 euthanized and some have been sent to barns. Steve Repphun donated 2 lights at the pound. She still needs volunteers, maybe use community service. The Mayor introduced Christy Hollingsworth, she does a lot of the paperwork for adopting, transferring, volunteer schedules.

**City Administrator Report:**

- a. Website- Went live this week with some minor changes to photos and we will keep working on it and adding things.
- b. Parks Director- Have them attend council meetings and staff meetings. Talk with Christel about attending.
- c. City Hall- There is an issue with people roaming freely in City Hall to the BI office. There should be a process where they pick up the form, fill it out, bring it back, the BI will review it and if needed have the individual come in for discussion and have them pay the fee. This would give the BI time to review permits more thoroughly and better manage his schedule.

**Grants:** none

**Items from Prior Council:** none

**Council Concerns/Comments:**

Pohle- Asked if there had been a discussion with the Judge. The Mayor and Administrator have met with Judge Hall, there was a good meeting, still working on some things.

Parris- Asked if all issues have been discussed with AAA Disposal. Administrator met with AAA Disposal and discussed all changes to the contract. The City was to do a survey but that was not done so there was no fee paid to the City. There needs to be some work done on the exterior of City Hall. The Clerk has spoken with David Goodloe to draft some specs for the repairs.

Sims- Had a citizen contact her regarding the sewer/water rates. The citizen asked why her sewer rate kept going up. The sewer rate is averaged based on the water usage during the months of January, February and March – then that average is paid for 1 year. Have the citizen come to City Hall so it can be explained to her and she can see a detailed printout of what is billed.

Terry- A citizen at 13<sup>th</sup> & Tremont had removed a tree but has left a lot of limbs in the sidewalk that could cause a dangerous situation and a liability issue.

Ashinhurst- Suggested that all the committee chairman's come to a meeting to give a report. The council liaison is to bring forward their committees information.

Houseworth- Presented council with a brochure from Tourism and presented a list of their revenues and expenses. Tourism will have banners to be put up in the next few months.

**Mayor's Comments:**

- a. Mary Grechus- The Mayor presented a proclamation to Mary Grechus for her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- b. Wentworth- The Mayor gave a tour of the WMA campus and there were discussions with the Mayor and Administrator.
- c. Letter- The Mayor sends out a letter every week to council to keep them updated.

Motion by Lynn seconded by Parris to go into Executive Session and notice is given that the meeting or portion thereof will be close pursuant to Section 610.021 RSMo under the following specific exception: Sub-section 3) personnel. Motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE was answered as follows: Aye: Sims, Terry, Houseworth, Wolken, Ashinhurst, Parris, Pohle and Lynn. Nay: none.

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Council discussed no items in Executive Session.

Motion by Parris seconded by Sims to adjourn. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Carla Ghisalberti  
City Clerk  
01/14/2020

Joseph M. Aull  
Mayor

**Upcoming Events**

- Council Meeting Dates- January 28, 2020 and February 11, 2020.
- Council Filing Dates- December 17, 2019 – January 21, 2020.
- City Hall Closed- January 20, 2020 for Martin Luther King.
- Women of the Moose Breakfast- January 25, 2020 from 7:30 – 10:30 am
- MML Legislative Conference- February 11-12, 2020 in Jefferson City.
- MML Elected Officials Conference- June 4-5, 2020 in Columbia.

