

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 28, 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, Frank Ashinhurst, Earl Parris, Jim Pohle and Scott Lynn. Absent: Rodney Wolken. Also present: Carla Ghisalberti, City Clerk and Mark O'Dell, City Administrator. Whereupon the Mayor declared a quorum present.

The Mayor added a Special Recognition to #4. Motion by Parris seconded by Ashinhurst to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Citizen's Participation:

Chief Weber- Informed the council that retired Fire Chief Kirk Smith has had 1 lung replaced, he is out of the hospital, he is required to stay there for 30 days and today he posted that he had started exercising which he has done been able to do for a long time.

New Employee Introductions & Recognitions:

Logan Simmons- Simmons is a new police officer- he graduated from Excelsior Springs, graduated from UCM, worked as a jailer for Clay County, he resides in Richmond and he is engaged with 1 child. He loves the new experience, excited to meet new people and enjoys working with the citizens. Desiree placed the pin on Logan.

Billy Reynolds- Reynolds is a new police officer- currently resides in Carrollton, graduated from UCM, worked 4 years for Carroll County and has 1 child. Reynolds feels like the department is a family and likes working calls from the start to finish. Sgt. Sims placed the pin on Billy.

Joe Parman- The Mayor recognized Joe Parman, Lexington News Editor. Joe is very thorough, does a great job, very professional, a strong advocate for our community and puts a positive slant on each article.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Motion by Parris seconded by Houseworth to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on January 14, 2020. Motion carried.

Financial Items: none.

Discussion Items:

Big River Ranch: Marlin Harrison updated the council on projects for the upcoming year. The big project for the summer is a Dream Factory event to include bull riding, bands and fireworks on June 5th & 6th in the Goosepond- hopefully this will bring in 20,000 visitors. Shut down time should be around 11:00 – 11:30 pm. On February 8th there will be a meeting with the Dream Factory, the time and location to be determined. Harrison would like to see the streets/sidewalks cleaned up from 9th Street to 15th on Main for this event. It is anticipated that there will be 3,000 motorcyclists in for the event. Gale & Worth Harley Davidson will attend. More written information for council at the next meeting. Harrison would also like to increase the Octoberfest event. Harrison has talked with the Chamber and downtown merchants. Groups have contacted him to help- Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and others.

Health & Wellness: DeAnna Fritsche submitted a proposal for a Skin Cancer Prevention Project as was approved 2 years ago. The units were placed prior at the pool, baseball fields, soccer fields and Goosepond. The new project will add 3 units; one on Main, one on Franklin and one on South Streets. They will also be adding 2 mobile units. This has been approved by Health & Wellness and LRHC. Their request is for \$3097. Motion by Terry seconded by Ashinhurst to approve the proposal from DeAnna Fritsche for \$3097 for the Skin Cancer Prevention Project. Motion carried. The City will be receiving another \$50,000 in May, currently there is about \$49,000 in the account.

NIMS: This ordinance is an update from 2018 and 2019. The ordinance is needed for the FEMA Emergency Management grant showing that the City is complying with their requirement. Sims presented Ordinance No. 2020-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8 “EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT” OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION CODIFYING THE ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS). 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 Houseworth 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, Ashinhurst, Parris, Pohle and Lynn. Nay: none. Absent: Wolken. Whereupon the Mayor declared the ordinance duly passed.

General Election Form of Ballot: Candidates are: 1st Ward-Donna Sims, 2nd Ward- LaDonna Scott, 3rd Ward-Earl Parris and 4th Ward-Scott Lynn. Sims presented Ordinance No. 2020-05 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE POLLING PLACES OF THE GENERAL CITY ELECTION. ALL TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, STATE OF MISSOURI, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020, AND PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF BALLOT TO BE USED AT SAID ELECTION. Motion by Parris seconded by Houseworth 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 Houseworth to place the ordinance on it’s final passage. Motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE was answered as follows: Aye: Lynn, Pohle, Parris, Ashinhurst, Houseworth, Terry and Sims. Nay: none. Absent: Wolken. Whereupon the Mayor declared the ordinance duly passed.

Development Variance: This ordinance is for a variance for LRHC to install a historic sign/monument at the hospital parking lot entrance located at 1500 State Street. This has been approved by P&Z. Sims presented Ordinance No. 2020-06 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING A “DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE” OF CHAPTER 22A “SECTION 22A-16” 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 Lynn to read the ordinance the second time. Motion carried. Ordinance read the second time. Motion by Parris seconded by Pohle to place the ordinance on it’s final passage. Motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE was answered as follows: Aye: Ashinhurst, Parris, Pohle, Lynn, Sims, Terry and Houseworth. Nay: none. Absent: Wolken. Whereupon the Mayor declared the ordinance duly passed.

Business Licenses: This ordinance amends Chapter 13 setting a flat fee of \$40 for merchants and removing the Administrative Fee of \$30. This was approved by council at the January 14, 2020 meeting. Sims presented Ordinance No. 2020-07 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, SECTIONS 13-1 THROUGH 13-19 AND CHAPTER 25, SECTIONS 25-26 & 25-27 OF “THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSOURI”. Motion by Parris seconded by Pohle 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 Sims to place the ordinance on it’s final passage. Motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE was answered as follows: Aye: Houseworth, Terry, Sims, Parris, Pohle and Lynn. Nay: Ashinhurst. Absent: Wolken. Whereupon the Mayor declared the ordinance duly passed.

Department of Conservation: This ordinance is a renewal agreement for the maintenance and responsibilities of the Riverfront Park (Marina). The City was awarded a grant 25 years ago from Dept. of Conservation. Sims presented Ordinance No. 2020-08 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSOURI FOR A COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. 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 Houseworth 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: Pohle, Sims, Terry, Houseworth, Ashinhurst, Parris and Lynn. Nay: none. Absent: Wolken. Whereupon the Mayor declared the ordinance duly passed.

Reports:

Committee Reports:

Administration- Met on January 28, 2020 and discussed: 1) **Liberty Utilities**- This is informational – Liberty Utilities will be installing a guardrail along Highland Avenue west of Mill Street to protect their natural gas border station south of Highland Avenue. They will install, maintain and mow the vegetation around it. Liberty Utilities will assume liability for the guardrail. Motion by Terry seconded by Sims to make a resolution of acceptance for Liberty Utilities to install and maintain the guardrail. Motion carried. Next meeting February 25, 2020.

Municipal Services- Next meeting February 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Liaisons:

Historic Preservation- HPC to change the report to reflect the status of houses which are endangered and have them filed by code.

Health & Wellness- There are 2 more proposals being reviewed.

P&Z, Economic Development- Several of the committees have met regarding mapping as part of the Comprehensive Plan.

Department Heads:

Water- Clifford informed council that they have repaired 3 water leaks last week, Water & WWTP helped at 50+ hours with snow removal, the valve for the Highland lift station is on back order, still problems with the water line on 224 Hwy and there have been about 8-10 leaks in the last few months. They will start replacing sections of pipe on 224 Hwy instead of replacing bands.

Sewer- The garage on 10th Street had an issue with the pipe blowing under the concrete. Jim Ross has looked at this and will be making a recommendation.

Bldg. Inspector- Petray informed council that at 1824 South- he has met with both contractors regarding the demolition and it is projected to start February 4th. The ICC Building Codes are now available on the city website. The house on Franklin has been demolished. The house on Poplar is being rehabbed.

Street- Pence informed council that they have been busy with snow removal and will get started on potholes. The guardrail should be started Thursday. The potholes that MoDot are responsible for, you can call 816-622-6500. The City is responsible for the potholes on Business 13 to Hwy 24. There is ample sand/salt in stock.

Fire- Chief Weber informed council that the department is still 1 paramedic short, there may be an employee going out on work comp, he has hired 2 more part-time paramedics and he has been working the non-emergency transfers.

Police- Sgt. Sims informed council that he has filled out a grant for a K-9 project, the grant will pay for the dog and training. The SRO will be the handler so the school will chip in on the project. A problem recently is the homeless issue – there have been 6 people dealt with in the last week which comes from people leaving the Shelter, people being brought to the hospital and no way home and releases from jail. Ashinhurst stated that if they are Vets call VFW. Paul Temple & Ministerial Alliance are working on this with some others to come up with a plan-there is a meeting at the Baptist Church on February 5th at 10:00 am. The department is still 1 officer down until the Chief position is filled. There have been break-ins at MFA and Salon, they have 2 people of interest.

Animal Control- Brown informed council that the shelter is down to 23 cats, fixed 15 cats through Pound Pals, they have received donations \$1196, there have been 164 volunteer hours in January and the part-time help started Saturday. Working on nuisances.

City Administrator Report:

O'Dell had skin cancer on his ear and they will be doing skin grafting so the cancer prevention project is needed.

Police Board- Will be doing interviews for the Police Chief position all day on February 12th with the intent to bring an applicant to council at the February 25th meeting.

Office Signage- A sign has been ordered for the office to stop individuals from walking freely through the office.

Land Swap- The errors and omission report is about done. The surveyors should be out next week to survey the 2 parcels of Welch's property.

CDBG- There are 2 pots of funds: LMI and Blight. The Pioneer Regional Trails group is proposing that the City apply for a downtown revitalization blight grant. There is a match required from the private sector of 50/50 (50% grant – 50% private). Any money spent in improving a building can be counted towards the grant as long as the expenditure is not started until grant application is submitted in May. The remediation of the blight would be incurring in public infrastructure like

sidewalks, handicap access, curb cuts, storm drainage damage and wheelchair access. The first step is to determine which blocks to apply for and what type of blight. Any private investment that takes place in the downtown district can be counted towards the 50/50 match. We would be applying for a specific area. Document what type of blight: where is there damaged sidewalks, where is there curb cuts that need to happen and where is there handicap access needed. The Chamber has agreed to work on the match by surveying the property owners to see what they have in the pipeline in the future to go forward meeting the match. The application could be \$400,000 with match being \$200,000. A concern was if the City received funding for the blight, would this jeopardize the LMI funding for the new water plant – Norm Lucas stated that it would not.

Grants: none

Items from Prior Council: none

Council Concerns/Comments:

Pohle- Asked if it is possible to get the stop lights downtown to start blinking after a certain time like from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am. MoDot has said prior that either the lights stay up or they are taken down completely. Pohle to call MoDot.

Parris- Asked about the capital improvements for the Parks and getting an explanation of how the money was spent. Christel has stated that she will start coming to the council meetings and staff meeting. Asked if anything has been started regarding the Hospital Board request for improvements to 16th Street. Mayor Aull stated that a plan needs to be put in writing and do this over multiple years – start in this upcoming fiscal year. Ashinhurst suggested that the curbing be put in first. Put together costs and a timeline. Asked if there has been a change in the attorney fees. Administrator O’Dell has been the gatekeeper – they are not being contacted unless he feels it is necessary, if he or the Mayor has experience then they are taking care of it.

Lynn- Asked how the mowing bids are done. The bidding is done each year- it is placed in the newspaper and a copy of the bid spec is sent to local contractors.

Mayor’s Comments:

Wentworth- A group has made an offer on the WMA campus, if things work out they have the potential to be good for the community. They submitted an offer a week ago and as of yesterday they have not heard back.

EDA Grant- Norman Lucas is to submit the grant for the water plant tomorrow and hopefully know something by the end of February.

MoDot- Working with them to get something done at the intersection of 24th Street & 24 Highway – there is a blinking light. Talked about making it a school zone and reducing the speed. MoDot will be doing a traffic study.

DNR- Jim Ross approached the City regarding a regional water supply. The City looked at this with Tri-County before deciding to build our own plant. The City would be in favor of doing this but the City would be the source of water as long as the demand does not exceed the supply. Whomever would come in would incur the cost of expansion to the plant. The City will need 2 wells for pumping with a third for spare. There is land available for expansion. Sims suggested that other utilities be included during the digging for the water main line like electrical, internet, etc. There is currently a pipe under 13 Highway. PWSD#2 has approached the City about buying more water.

No Executive Session

Motion by Parris seconded by Houseworth to adjourn. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Carla Ghisalberti
City Clerk
01/28/2020

Joseph M. Aull
Mayor

Upcoming Events

- Council Meeting Dates- February 11, 2020 and February 25, 2020 at 7:00 pm.
- Women of the Moose Breakfast- January 25, 2020 from 7:30 – 10:30 am.

- Moose Lodge Bingo- Every Friday night at 6:00 pm.
- Pet Adoption- February 1, 2020 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Animal Shelter.
- Lex. Community Betterment- February 6, 2020 at 6:00 pm at The LEX.
- Swaddling Clothes- February 8, 2020 from 9:00 am to noon at Lutheran Church.
- Big River Ranch- February 8, 2020 Rough Stock at 7:30 pm.
- MML Legislative Conference- February 11-12, 2020 in Jefferson City.
- Community Soup Night- February 13, 2020 at VFW from 6:00 -8:00 pm.
- Dinner Theater- February 14-15, 2020 Sweet Magnolia at The LEX from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.
- Moose Lodge- February 15, 2020 Prime Rib Dinner & Dance from 5:30 – 11:00 pm.
- VFW Breakfast- February 15, 2020 from 7:00 – 10:00 am.
- President's Day- February 17, 2020 City Hall closed.
- Big River Ranch- February 22, 2020 Rough Stock at 7:30 pm.
- Women of the Moose Breakfast- February 22, 2020 from 7:30 – 10:30 am.
- Baby Grace Diaper Handout- February 22, 2020 at Methodist Church from 9:00-11:00 am.
- River City Square Dancing- February 23, 2020 at Methodist Church from 6:00-8:00 pm.
- Buffalo Soldiers-From Slave to Soldier- February 25, 2020 at Battlefield Site from 6:00-7:00 pm.