

The pledge was presented and Earl Parris 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, February 11, 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 Ashinurst, 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 added #16 Street Lights Downtown to Discussion Items. Motion by Parris seconded by Houseworth 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 Lynn to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on January 28, 2020. Motion carried.

Financial Items:

Approve the financial reports for January 2020: City Collector's Report - \$825,375.29, City Treasurer's Report - \$6,008,443.76 and Municipal Court Fine Report - \$972.75. Motion by Sims seconded by Wolken to approve the monthly financial reports for December. Motion carried.

Approve the payment of the bills:

General Fund	Jan. 15-31, 2020	\$160,042.48	Council approval required for \$194,673.07 for checks written on 2/11/2020.
	Feb. 1-11, 2020	<u>\$214,838.41</u>	
		\$374,880.89	
Sewer Fund	Jan. 15-31, 2020	\$ 15,637.65	Council approval required for \$14,556.86 for checks written on 2/11/2020.
	Feb. 1-11, 2020	<u>\$ 16,909.00</u>	
		\$ 32,546.65	
Water Fund	Jan. 15-31, 2020	\$ 22,281.92	Council approval required for \$27,553.64 for check written on 2/11/2020.
	Feb. 1-11, 2020	<u>\$ 31,810.70</u>	
		\$ 54,092.62	

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

Discussion Items:

Water Update: Jim Ross, Bartlett & West and the Water Advisory Board members; Ashley Draisey, Linda Johnson, Randall Hansen and Laura Nitcher were present. The EDA Disaster Recovery Grant is being submitted for \$6 million, USDA is waiting on the EDA decision before making a final determination. The environmental is done, the cultural assessment is done, they are working on the surveys, meeting with the County on a special use permit, working on the preliminary site design, working on the transferring of property documents with Welch's and working on the easements. USDA has approved the City paying the surveying and design; it then can be rolled into the loan as a reimbursement. Surveyors will be out this week with drones. The funding approval is 60-90 days out. The design phase takes 9 months, the construction phase takes 16-18 months once the funding is approved, it will be mid-summer to end of year to finalize the design then 60-90 days for DNR approval – hopefully start about this time next year getting it out for bid (30 day bid 30 day bid review) with it being operational in early 2022. There will be 3 wells north of Big River Ranch between the river and the railroad tracks – 7 test drill holes were done with a pump test. One well will provide 60%-70% of the daily need and the second well would be used for hot summer days and the third well-being a backup as required by DNR for redundancy. The wells will be alternated/rotated to keep the same amount of hours on each pump. The plant is being designed for about 20% of extra

capacity for future development. The wells will produce 500-700 gallons per minute with the daily average being 750-800 gallons per minute. The water quality and quantity has been tested but they would like to re-test with lower river water levels. The treatment plant site of 20 acres is one-quarter mile down Bob White Road. Test holes will be drilled at the site to validate the foundation design. The City could provide some outsourcing of water to another entity and if that is the case then it is cheaper now than later to adjust design. A fourth well could be connected to the other three wells. The City will need to bore under Highway 13 for the 12" water main, the existing bore is not large enough. The wells are required to be 2 feet above the 100 year flood level additionally the platforms for the motors/pumping system will be above that. The original cost was estimated at \$8-\$9 million, there has been a price increase mainly due to the buy US steel requirement through federal funding which adds 5% to the cost. USDA may provide a 25% grant, there is the EDA grant at about 50% and CDBG grant at \$750,000. The City cannot use the EDA and USDA grants together because it is the same pot of money. USDA would have to approve any funding since they have the original loan. The City would need to determine how the remaining balance would be funded. If USDA funds the balance then the water rates would have to be 2% of the MHI. The main concern with the existing plant is the old line to the river from the old plant that is 103 years old and the line from the filter building to treatment. Ross will provide a new Task Order for approval at the next meeting.

H&W Proposal: A proposal was received from Gina Lichte, Girls on the Run serving Greater Kansas City. The proposal is for a fitness program for girls from 3-8 grades; it promotes healthy eating, develops life skills, builds self-confidence and inspires girls to build lives of purpose. This is a 10 week program in the spring and fall with a 5-K run at the end. The request is for \$6,800 with \$3600 to implement a Run Junior Coach Program and \$3200 to make improvements to the track at the elementary school. A proposal from Girls on the Run was approved 2 years ago. The elementary school track was developed originally about 10 year ago by a Health Foundation grant with the school being responsible for the maintenance. The track is to keep kids active, it is used every day at recess and accessible for the public. The Girls on the Run program is funded ½ by donations and ½ by earned income. This has been approved by LRHC. Motion by Sims seconded by Lynn to approve the request of \$6800 for the Girls on the Run proposal as presented. Motion carried.

Parking Issue: William Cantell located at the south corner of Oneida and 20th Streets is having parking issues – there is no parking on the south side of Oneida. Cantell stated that there is thumping music, motors being revved up, slamming doors, honking horns at 7:15 am and this is disturbing his peace – usually there are 4-5 cars parked in the area. Cantell stated that there is a van that is parking too close to the curb and you cannot see to turn. The Mayor stated that the streets are public parking but if there is a noise issue we can have Sgt. Sims check on this in the morning. The cars use to park in the County lot but County has stopped that due them blocking the County access in and out with big equipment. Cantell has spoken with the School Board. The Mayor will speak with school administration.

16th Street Plan: The Mayor submitted an informational sheet for a proposed plan. The first improvement recommended is replacing the curbing on the western side of 16th Street beginning in the northern most block closest to the Hospital/College Park and running it for a couple of blocks. The first block is 190', the second block is 190' and there is 100' on the east side for approximately \$20,000. The City has received quotes for curbing from a local contractor at \$30 per linear foot and with a curbing machine at \$46 per linear foot. There are 2 large trees between the sidewalk and curbing on the west side of the street that would have to be removed. Parris stated that both sides need to look the same. Adjacent property owners need to make improvements to their individual properties. Wolken wants to know the cost of the prep work or if that is included in the per linear foot price. The Mayor spoke with Jim Kenney from the Hospital Board and he was OK with starting here. Pohle asked where the water will go once the curbing is in – Clinton Street is in need of repairs currently. Motion by Parris seconded by Ashinhurst to approve starting with the curbing as recommended, get the specifications developed, to obtain cost and bring back to council. Motion carried.

Main Street Stop Lights: At the last council meeting it was discussed about making the stop lights blinking during a certain time frame. Administrator O'Dell contacted MoDot. MoDot stated that the flashing mode is non-standard; however some locations may be grandfathered. The timing of the signals could be changed for night time operations but could still be an inconvenience. With a timing change the light would change more often which could mean only 2-3 vehicles would pass before changing. The lights could be removed but once removed they will not go back up. There needs to be some sort of stop sign to slow down traffic. Motion by Pohle to remove both stop lights on Main Street. Wolken suggested asking the public for their opinion and the Police Dept. feels it could be a traffic issue. Ask MoDot to do a traffic count to see if the lights are needed. Check with the businesses in the area for their input.

Reports:

Committee Reports:

Administration- Next meeting February 25, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Municipal Services- No meeting February 11, 2020. Next meeting March 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Budget Committee- Meeting on February 13, 2020 at 8:30 am.

Liaisons: no reports.

Department Heads:

Fire- Administrator O'Dell informed council that the nursing home is taking in bariatric patients, consider looking at the budget to see if there is a way to make a bariatric vehicle -\$20,000-\$25,000. Ray County and AMR have bariatric ambulances. Look at changing the International box to be able to safely transport bariatric patients and replace the chassis. Sims would like to know the number of calls and potential patients plus there is a larger liability. Need to get a plan going for fire inspections on store fronts/manufacturers/factories as required annually by ordinance. Look at a part-time Fire/Bldg. Inspector or contract this service out.

Police- Sgt. Sims informed council that the radar units are working and they are averaging 55 traffic stops per month.

Street- Supervisor Smith informed council that they are working on potholes and snow removal. The curbing on John Shea near the Goosepond is to be repaired by MoDot. They have done soil samples and surveying but there is no additional information.

Bldg. Inspector- Petray informed council that he is waiting on an abatement plan for the Ussery Drive property and the locks have been changed on the Ussery Drive property and the abatement at the carriage house on South is in process. The demolition at 1824 South is completed, 1 tree was removed due to being rotten which was part of the bid, the contractor at his cost removed the pecan tree sitting in the street and the walnut tree was removed due to having 3 cesspools in the area. The final grading and seeding will be done later. The demolition at 1515 Franklin is complete and the demolition on SW Blvd is completed except seeding.

Water/WWTP- Joe Clifford informed council that MFA has agreed to allow the City to use 100 concrete blocks in case of flood, there are no water leaks and they have a couple repairs on lift stations.

Animal Control- Administrator O'Dell informed council that the property at 8 Lakeview is being cleaned up-looks better, working on animals and there is still a high number of cats in the shelter.

City Administrator Report:

- a. **Dream Factory-** Met with representatives. Everything is being brought down to a manageable scale: nothing will happen in the Goosepond and there will be no bull riding. The Dream Factory President and Vice-present will be at the next meeting. Marlin Harrison to put together a written plan and present it to council. The Dream Factory will have 9 bands and will be taking the lead on the event. The event is scheduled for June 5 & 6, 2020 downtown.
- b. **EMS Billing RFP-** The RFP for billing and collection services has been released – the City currently uses National Billing. There have been a number of companies asking for the RFP. The RFP process will be handled by O'Dell and be very formal. Hopefully we will get a very good automated system that will stand Medicare/Medicaid audits.
- c. **Police Chief-** The interviews will be tomorrow with a recommendation at the February 25th council meeting.

Grants: none

Items from Prior Council:

Gasoline/Diesel Gas Rates- Ashinhurst asked about the contracts. Lynn stated that the existing company (WEX) gives the same discounts as MFA would give.

Council Concerns/Comments:

Parris- Stated that the guardrail that was installed by Liberty Utilities at the end of Highland & 224 Highway looks good.

Budget Committee- Meeting on February 13, 2020 at 8:30 am.

Sims- Stated that a Dollar Tree is going to Higginsville – we need to look at businesses that would be beneficial and make an impact for our City, if we do nothing then we are going to have a dying community. We need to put economic development in the plan. Our streets look better than Higginsville and Richmond. What is the Transportation Board doing, where is the money and what do we need to do to keep them up. The Clerk stated that the Transportation Board still receives ½ cent sales tax. The Board tries to find grants and provide the matching dollars that can be put with larger grants to be able to do larger projects. The Board meets and determines what streets are to be repaired and how they will be repaired. The social media on Facebook has a lot of false information – she would like to warn people to get the facts straight before posting because this

makes the City look bad. The City needs to consider owning our own fiber/internet service. Each time a new water or sewer line is replaced look at adding this service. Look at grant money through Pioneer Trails.

Pohle- Stated there are 11 people on different Boards that are open or expired. The Mayor will get names together and send them to council.

Mayor's Comments:

- a. Black Barraca Design- The Mayor informed council that some of the parking spaces in front of her business on Franklin will be blocked off for delivering flowers on Thursday and Friday for Valentine's Day.
- b. Board/Committees- The Mayor will get names together and email them to council.

No Executive Session

Motion by Parris seconded by Houseworth to adjourn. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Carla Ghisalberti
City Clerk
02/11/2020

Joseph M. Aull
Mayor

Upcoming Events

- Council Meeting Dates- February 25, 2020 and March 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm.
- Moose Lodge Bingo- Every Friday night at 6:00 pm.
- 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.
- Lex. Mo. Battlefield Foundation- March 6, 2020 at 7:30 pm Civil War Photo Extravaganza
- Wind Symphony- March 29, 2020 at 3:00 pm at The LEX.