

The pledge was presented and Donna Sims 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, March 10, 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 added #6 Transportation Board Appointments to Consent Agenda Items. Motion by Lynn seconded by Parris to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Citizen's Participation:

Chris Fritsche, Battlefield Site- The VFW on March 28, 2020 will have a Vietnam Veteran's Appreciation Day event at 11:00 am. They are requesting approval to close 10th Street between Main and Franklin Streets from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. This event will be in front of the Memorial and will include the Legion. Motion by Parris seconded by Sims to place this on the agenda under #15 of the Discussion Items. Motion carried.

George Danner, 702 S. 13 Hwy- P&Z has been working on the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan for the last 6 months and the volunteers have been broken down into 7 blocks with 10-12 items under each block. Danner is requesting more council members, administrator and more citizen volunteers up to 35. Currently there are 3 council members and an average of 27 citizens. He would like to see a representative from each business in town and chamber.

New Employee Introductions & Recognitions:

Police Chief- City Clerk swore in Troy Sims as Police Chief and his wife placed the Chief's pin on his lapel. Chief Sims gave a statement.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on February 25, 2020.
2. To approve the re-appointments of Ken Nordsieck and Corey Miller for a 2 year term and the re-appointment of Josh Nordsieck for a 3 year term.

Motion by Ashinhurst seconded by Parris to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Items:

Approve the financial reports for February 2020: City Collector's Report - \$423,725.65, City Treasurer's Report - \$5,539,969.05 and Municipal Court Fine Report - \$1910.62. Motion by Parris seconded by Houseworth to approve the monthly financial reports for February as presented. Motion carried.

Approve the payment of the bills:

General Fund	Feb. 12-29, 2020	\$262,114.86	Council approval required for \$116,843.88 for checks written on 3/10/2020.
	Mar. 1-10, 2020	<u>\$129,735.32</u>	
		\$391,850.18	
Sewer Fund	Feb. 12-29, 2020	\$ 43,162.79	Council approval required for \$19,049.35 for checks written on 3/10/2020.
	Mar. 1-10, 2020	<u>\$ 21,393.79</u>	
		\$ 64,556.58	
Water Fund	Feb. 12-29, 2020	\$193,543.56	Council approval required for \$30,908.04 for check written on 3/10/2020.
	Mar. 1-10, 2020	<u>\$ 35,215.85</u>	
		\$228,759.41	

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

Discussion Items:

Lafayette County Health Office-Coronavirus: Tom Emerson updated the council and public on things we should be doing to protect the City and its citizens. This is considered a pandemic which means it starts in an area and goes across the world. In 1968 Hong Kong Flu recorded 100,000 deaths, 2009 Bird Flu recorded 12,000 deaths and 1958 Asian Flu recorded 116,000 deaths. There currently are a few hundred cases and about 25 deaths in this country. If you are sick, have a fever, cough and shortness of breath – stay home, wash your hands frequently. Healthcare, emergency management, health offices and the City are putting out information. If the situation would become very bad the State, Federal and City can mandate closures. The City can put information on our website with links. The Health Office gets their information from the CDC and currently there are 4,000 recorded deaths from the coronavirus worldwide. The coronavirus is not easy to spot, eighty percent of the people that get it show mild symptoms. Health checks are being made if people have traveled to China, Iran or overseas. It was suggested that information about the virus be posted at downtown businesses. Chief Weber has asked the Dispatch to get more information and ask specific questions before the crews respond to calls. If someone has a cough, fever or breathing issues please contact the medical doctor first. Emerson to continue to send updated information.

FY2020 Budget Adjustments: A list of the budget adjustments through the end of February was presented to council. The budget committee reviewed and approved the budget adjustments at their March 4th meeting. The adjustments were made throughout year. The auditors want the council to approve budget adjustments as they occur. Motion by Parris seconded by Sims to approve the FY2020 budget adjustments as presented. Motion carried.

Sale of Old Police Cars: Chief Sims was contacted by the Higginsville Police Department regarding the purchase of 1 police car (306) for \$2000. There are 2 cars available both with about 113,000 miles. The cars are not used but were used once last year for a parade. Parris suggested offering a 2 for 1 deal to get rid of both cars. It was suggested that the second car be put on Purple Wave or on E-bay. Motion by Wolken seconded by Ashinhurst to approve selling 1 police car to the City of Higginsville for \$2,000 and to advertise the sale of the second car. Motion carried.

Trespassing: The issue of trespassing came up recently when the Building Inspector addressed a condemned structure where the City had locked the structure, the property owner went onto the property and the current ordinance was unenforceable to cite the property owner. The ordinance was approved by the City Attorney and City Prosecutor. George Danner stated that this ordinance had not been before the P&Z for input. Chapter 6 Dangerous Buildings is part of P&Z and has not been reviewed by P&Z as part of Chapter 29. City Attorney said the ordinance did not have to go before P&Z. Administrator O'Dell asked what does the P&Z offer under legal review if they are not attorneys. Bill Flanigan stated that this was in the State Statutes. The Mayor called a recess to look into the ordinances for a determination as to who is to review the ordinance. Chief Sims had a question regarding the definition of First Degree in this ordinance versus the definition in State Statutes. Wolken would like the issue of the first degree definition determined before approval of the ordinance which would allow P&Z time to review. Chief Sims stated that trespassing is a criminal matter. Sims presented Ordinance No. 2020- AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 18-19 AND SECTION 6-6.2 OF THE LEXINGTON CITY CODE REGARDING TRESPASSING. 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 Pohle seconded by Terry to place the ordinance on its final passage. Motion failed. ROLL CALL VOTE was answered as follows: Aye: Terry and Pohle. Nay: Wolken, Parris and Lynn. Abstain: Sims, Houseworth and Ashinhurst. Whereupon the Mayor declared the ordinance failed. To be discussed at the March 24th council meeting.

FY2021 Preliminary Budget: Parris stated the budget committee has reviewed and approved the preliminary budget. Administrator O'Dell stated that the full-time employees are receiving a 3% COL increase, the Street Department will be leasing 2 dump trucks (single & double axle) for \$30,310 through Bank Midwest at 2.89% for 10 years and the Fire Department will be leasing an ambulance and cot for \$52,000 annually for 4 years. There are sample police manuals that can be tailored to the City and to the State that have been through legal review. The training is done on apps on the phone. Municipal Services requested more bids for this service at a cost of approximately \$6,000 (budget line #167). The sale of the police cars can go towards this cost. Motion by Parris seconded by Wolken to approve the preliminary FY2021 budget as presented. Motion carried. The final budget approval will be at the March 24th council meeting.

Vietnam Veteran's Appreciation Day: The VFW is requesting permission to close 10th Street between Main and Franklin Streets on March 28th from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm in front of the Memorial. Motion by Ashinhurst seconded by Houseworth to approve the street closure as requested. Motion carried.

Reports:**Committee Reports:**

Administration- Next meeting March 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Municipal Services- Met on March 10, 2020 and discussed: 1) **Sewer Oven-** The oven is used to dry wastewater samples for MDNR, the old oven is a 1946 unit. The committee reviewed 3 bids. The committee approved the purchase of an oven from USA Blue Book for \$1604. Motion by Lynn seconded by Ashinhurst to approve the purchase of the oven from USA Blue Book for \$1604. Motion carried. 2) **Perry Sidewalk-** David Goodloe spoke with Chip Perry regarding the sidewalk in front of his office at 10th & Main. Perry will pay for the concrete if the City would remove the tree. The committee recommended Administrator O'Dell bid out the tree removal and look at a couple other trees. There is an ordinance that states the property owner is to maintain the sidewalks which includes the trees. One of the committees working on the Comprehensive Plan is working on a tree plan for removal and planting. There are a couple of trees on 16th Street that may need to be removed for that project. 3) **Police Manual-** The committee discussed approval of hiring a firm to develop the plan. 4) **Vintage Lights-** There have been some complaints about the lights at 19th & South and 19th & Franklin not working. Rather than taking them down, look at repairing or converting the 2 lights that are not working and to also check the wiring from the pole to the light. There are 11 old street lights. Next meeting April 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Liaisons: no reports.

Department Heads:

Fire- Chief Weber had a meeting last night at the station with concerned rural citizens regarding developing a Fire District for the rural areas and they have been doing extra cleaning due to the possible virus.

Police- Chief Sims attended a meeting for the homeless, a meeting for the coronavirus at the Health Office, a meeting with House of Hope and a meeting at the 4-Life Center for Project Connect.

Street- Supervisor Smith informed council that they have been cleaning/sweeping streets for the St. Patrick's event – there is still some debris in the crosswalks to be picked up by hand. Wolken was contacted by an individual stating that there is still a lot of loose gravel on Lakeview. Supervisor Smith stated that he does not want to pick up all the loose gravel, when it warms up the gravel will blend in with the seal material – but he will check. Vance Bros to be kept on the hook for the bad job. There is a Transportation Board meeting tomorrow.

Bldg. Inspector- Petray informed council that he attended a meeting with Ann Black regarding a demolition grant. The order for demolition of 2 trailers (817 Franklin and 2114 McKinley) has been given, 2114 McKinley came in for a demolition permit, 603 S. 23rd Terrace-the order to be sent, 1824 South to be seeded when weather permit, 318 N. 24th to be finished by April 1st, 134 & 314 N. 24th to be come in with a plan and 8 Ussery still working. Next week he will be attending FEMA training for Flood Administration and a 3-day training for property maintenance.

Water/WWTP- Joe Clifford thanked council for the oven, it will be used for future DNR requirements for reporting, still working on a couple lift stations and he has been cross training employees in case of the coronavirus.

Animal Control- ACO Brown informed council that we are down to 13 cats on the hoarding case, there are 13 city cats and 5 dogs with 3 going out. MU students will be here this weekend to clean the pound and will be staying at Big River. The drain is still be unplugged by the Sewer Dept.

City Administrator Report:

- a. Main Street Stop Lights- From the survey there is 83% in favor of keeping the lights as they are. Pohle contacted Rich Shipley, MoDot regarding a traffic count – in 2014 a request was made for a traffic count, at that time 11th & Main did not warrant a signal but 13th & Main did warrant a signal.
- b. Coronavirus- A meeting was held Monday with staff to discuss what the City will do in case of a shortage of personnel – there is a basic plan in place. Isolate the old water tower for LRHC and doing additional cross training in the water and wastewater departments. Everything has been label with instructions.

Grants: none

Items from Prior Council: none

Council Concerns/Comments:

Parris- Dead tree on Poplar- Supervisor Pence looked at it and is contacting tree companies for bids.

Mayor's Comments:

- a. EDA Grant- Representatives from EDA inspected the water plant last Thursday, they looked at the current and future plants. They had no doubt that it was needed but commented on the City having a bond issue for \$12 million. The City needs to do more water main line replacement or expand the plant to regionalize and accommodate other cities. The EDA grant may come in less than anticipated. The grants are approved as they come in so hopefully this will help. Senator Cleaver is visiting City Hall next Wednesday.
- b. LRHC- To enter you go through the ER or the door to the right of the main entrance and answer a few questions.

Motion by Parris seconded by Houseworth to adjourn regular session and reconvene in Executive Session and that notice is given that the meeting or portion thereof will be closed pursuant to Section 610.021 RSMo under the following specific exceptions: Sub-section: Personnel. Motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE was answered as follows: Aye: Sims, Terry, Houseworth, Ashinhurst, Wolken, Parris, Pohle and Lynn. Nay: none. Absent: none.

Personnel:

Motion by Lynn seconded by Ashinhurst to approve the appointment of Troy Sims as the Police Chief. Motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE was answered as follows: Aye: Wolken, Houseworth, Ashinhurst, Pohle, Lynn and Parris. Nay: none. Absent: Sims. Abstain: Terry.

Council discussed 2 personnel issues.

Motion by Parris seconded by Terry to adjourn. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Carla Ghisalberti
 City Clerk
 03/10/2020

Joseph M. Aull
 Mayor

Upcoming Events

- Council Meeting Dates- March 24, 2020 and April 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm.
- Moose Lodge Bingo- Every Friday night at 6:00 pm.
- Project Connect- March 7, 2020 at the 4-Life Center from 9 am to 2 pm.
- Day Light Savings Time- March 8, 2020.
- Ragtime Concert- March 12, 2020 at The LEX.
- Community Soup Night- March 12,2020 at the VFW from 6 – 8 pm.
- Shamrock Shake- March 13, 2020 at The LEX.
- Swaddling Clothes- March 14, 2020 at the Lutheran Church from 9am to noon.
- St. Patrick's Bash- March 14, 2020 at The LEX.
- St. Patrick's Parade- March 14, 2020 at 2 pm.
- Spring Begins- March 19, 2020.
- VFW Breakfast- March 21, 2020 from 7 – 10 am.
- River City Square Dancing- March 22, 2020 at the Methodist Church from 6 – 8:30 pm.
- HCC Piccadilly- March 26, 2020 at The LEX.
- Baby Grace Diaper Handout- March 28, 2020 at the Methodist Church from 9-11 am.
- Sounds of the Heart- March 28, 2020 at the Middle School at 7 pm.
- Forest Grove Cemetery Work Day- March 28, 2020 at 9 am.
- Women of the Moose Breakfast- March 28, 2020 from 7:30 – 10:30 am.
- Wind Symphony- March 29, 2020 at 3:00 pm at The LEX.
- Mo. Rural Services- April 23, 2020 Annual Work Comp Meeting at Camdenton.