**CITY OF LEXINGTON**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MARCH 3, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.**

**9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE**

1. **Call to Order:** – Mayor Kurth
   1. Roll Call - Council Members: DeVries, Hughes, Payment, Plasch

***Mayor Kurth called to order the Regular City Council meeting for March 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember’s present: Devries, Hughes, Payment, and Plasch. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Tina Meyer, Finance Director; Gary Grote, Fire Chief; Chris Diebold and Larry Ranallo from Cowboy’s Saloon; Ron Wasmund and Scott Jensen from Inspectron Inc.; Sara Moore, Quad Press.***

1. **Citizens Forum**

***No citizens were present to address the Council.***

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS**

***Petracek explained that item C of the Consent Agenda needs to be removed. Discussion ensued.***

***Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of item C of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Payment. Motion carried 5-0.***

1. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**
   1. Airport (Councilmember Plasch) – ***Councilmember Plasch had nothing to report***
   2. Cable Commission (Councilmember Payment) – ***Councilmember Payment had nothing to report***
   3. City Administrator (Bill Petracek) – ***Petracek explained that Tina Meyer has given her notice of resignation effective April 4, 2016. Discussion ensued. Petracek also provided an update on the brochure being developed by the Quad Press that will be distributed to promote the Section 4AAA Girl’s Fastpitch tournament in May. Discussion ensued.***
   4. Building Official (Ron Wasmund)

***Ron Wasmund, Building Official, introduced Scott Jensen, Building Inspector, to the Council. Wasmund stated he wanted Mr. Jensen to provide the report to the Council, since he is the person doing the work.***

***Scott Jensen explained how the rental housing inspection, building inspection, and property maintenance inspection process has been going. Discussion ensued. Hughes asked when the rental housing inspection process would be completed. Jensen explained that he feels it should be completed in June or July of next year. Discussion ensued.***

1. **LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**
   1. Public Notice – Closed Executive Session – March 3, 2016
   2. Public Notice – March 17, 2016 Council Workshop meeting rescheduled to March 3, 2016
   3. Council Workshop meeting minutes – February 18, 2016
   4. Planning & Zoning meeting minutes – February 9, 2016
   5. Circle Pines Mayor Dave Bartholomay – Patriot Ride – July 9, 2016
   6. North Metro TV – January 2016 Update
   7. Forest Lake Area Chamber of Commerce – Lunch with Congressman Tom Emmer, Friday April 1, 2016

***No discussion on Letters and Communications.***

1. **Consent ITEMS:**
   1. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:

Council Meeting – February 18, 2016

* 1. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:

Check #’s 13417 through 13417

Check #’s 40488 through 40529

***A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to approve the consent agenda* items. *The motion was seconded by Councilmember Payment. Motion carried 5-0.***

1. **Action ItemS:**
   1. Recommendation to approve Liquor License application for Mr. Arthur’s, Inc. DBA Cowboy’s Saloon pending successful background check conducted by CL.

***A motion was made by Councilmember Devries to approve the liquor license application for Mr. Arthur’s Inc. DBA Cowboy’s Saloon pending successful background check conducted by the police department. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Plasch. Motion carried 5-0.***

***Chris Diebold from Cowboy’s introduced Larry Ranallo, the new owner of Cowboy’s Saloon. He provided the Council an explanation for the sale of Cowboy’s Saloon. Mr. Ranallo provided the Council his background in the hospitality industry. He stated that his family has been running bars and restaurants for many years. Discussion ensued.***

* 1. Recommendation to approve hiring of Firefighter Scott Parenteau to the Lexington Fire Department

***Councilmember Payment asked the Chief Grote since we are not paying for the fire training, how long will it take to get this recruit through the academy. Chief Grote replied by saying we want to bring Mr. Parenteau onto the department and work with him a while before we invest a lot of money in him by sending him through the academy and purchasing gear for him. Discussion ensued.***

***A motion was made by Councilmember Devries to approve the hiring of Firefighter Scott Parenteau to the Lexington Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hughes. Motion carried 5-0.***

1. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT**

***No input from the Mayor or Council***

1. **ADMINISTRATOR INPUT**

***No Input from the City Administrator***

1. **Convene for CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION - ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVELEDGES MATTERS**

***A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to convene for closed executive session – attorney client privileges matters at 7:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by councilmember payment. motion carried 5-0.***

1. **reconvene from closed session**

***The Council reconvened into open session at 7:52 p.m. Attorney Glaser stated we were in closed session to discuss Parkview litigation.***

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

***A motion was made by Councilmember Devries to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Payment. Motion carried 5-0.***

***I hereby certify that the March 3, 2016, Regular City Council Minutes as presented, were approved by the Lexington City Council on March 17, 2016.***

***Bill Petracek***

***City Administrator***

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