**CITY OF LEXINGTON**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**JULY 16, 2015 – 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 Council meeting of the City of Lexington on***

***July 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember’s present: Devries, Hughes, and Plasch. Excused absence: Councilmember Payment***

***Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Tina Northcutt, Finance Director; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Steve Winter, City Engineer; Gary Grote, Fire Chief.***

1. **Citizens Forum –**

***There were no citizens present to address the Council.***

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

***A motion was made by Councilmember Devries to approve the agenda as typewritten. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Plasch. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.***

1. **LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**
   1. Special Workshop meeting minutes – July 8, 2015
   2. Public Notice – Karner Blue Education Center & DNR initiating a Forest Restoration Project
   3. Ticket Education Program - 2015 Gross Revenue
   4. Anoka County - Payable 2015/2016 Taxable Market Value Comparison
   5. Public Notice – July 6, 2015 Park Board meeting cancelled

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

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

Council Meeting – July 1, 2015

* 1. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:

Check #’s 13394 through 13394

Check #’s 39728 through 39777

***A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to approve the consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Plasch. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.***

1. **Action ItemS:**
   1. Recommendation to approve Entertainment License Application for City of Lexington – Night to Unite/City 65th Anniversary Event pending Police & Fire Department’s approval

***Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve the Entertainment License application for City of Lexington – Night to Unite/City’s 65th Anniversary Event pending police and fire department’s approval. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hughes. Motion carried 4-0.***

* 1. Recommendation to approve the scope of work on the Lexington Fire Station renovation and to release the project for bids.

***Steve Winter, City Engineer, provided an overview of the fire station renovation specifications. Winters explained that the replacement of the windows and the ADA compliance costs are the items that increased the expenditures of the renovations over what was originally estimated in 2014. Councilmember Hughes asked if ADA compliance is necessary. Petracek responded by saying that MSA had spoke with Ron Wasmund, Building Official, and it is necessary to conduct 20% of the overall costs of the project toward ADA compliance. Discussion ensued.***

***The Council had a discussion about the insulation that will be installed and its effectiveness to dry out the walls and keep them dry.***

***Councilmember Plasch made a motion to approve the scope of work on the Lexington Fire Station renovations and to release the project for bids. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Devries. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.***

* 1. Recommendation to approve $ 9860.00 Fire Station sprinkler system quote from Summit Fire.

***Councilmember Devries asked Fire Chief Gary Grote where the money was coming from to install the recommended sprinkler system. Chief Grote responded by saying that it would come from the Fire Relief Revolving Equipment Replacement fund. Chief Grote added that they want to tie into Cowboy’s Saloon sprinkler system, and that Firefighter Brad Gavin, who works for Summit Company, will volunteer his time to install the sprinkler system, and Summit would supply the product for the sprinkler system.*** ***Chief Grote stated that since the City requires local businesses to install sprinkler systems, he feels that we should be taking the lead on installing sprinklers in our own buildings. Discussion ensued.***

***The Council had a discussion about requiring a second bid for the process.***

***Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve the bid of $9,860.00 for a fire station sprinkler system from Summit Fire contingent upon a second quote being obtained, and the funds coming from the Capital Equipment fund. The motion was seconded by Plasch. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.***

* 1. Recommendation to approve management salaries.

***Mayor Kurth asked why we are not meeting in closed session. Attorney Glaser stated that only Union negotiations can meet in closed session. Discussion ensued.***

***Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve a 2.5% increase for management salaries & the liquor store part-time employees. The motion was seconded was seconded by Councilmember Plasch. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.***

* 1. Recommendation to approve Management Short Term/Long Term/Life Insurance Benefits
  2. Recommendation to approve Management Health/Dental/Vision Insurance Benefits

***A motion was made by Councilmember Plasch to approve items E & F – management short term/long term/life insurance benefits and management health/dental/vision insurance benefits consistent with the collective bargaining agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Devries. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.***

* 1. Recommendation to approve Zayo Right of Way Permit with conditions.

***Attorney Glaser explained that with the approval of the conditions in this right-of-way permit that the City of Lexington will, in the future, be able to impose franchise fees in a franchise agreement with Zayo. He added that this would be consistent with other franchise agreements in Lexington such as: Excel Energy, Comcast, and Connexus Energy. Steve Winter, City Engineer, stated that Zayo was expanding fiber optic on an existing site for Verizon Wireless. Discussion ensued.***

***A motion was made by Councilmember Devries to approve the Zayo Right-of-Way permit with conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hughes. Motion carried 4-0.***

* 1. Recommendation to approve final draft of Strategic Plan.

***A motion was made by Councilmember Devries to approve the final draft of the Strategic Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hughes. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.***

1. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT**

***There was some discussion by the Council about providing notice for City’s 65th celebration/Night to Unite.***

1. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR INPUT –**

***Petracek announced the retirement of Captain Ron Nelson at the Centennial Lakes Police Department. He added that Captain Nelson was going to teach law enforcement at the Anoka County Tech College to high school students. Discussion ensued. Petracek also stated he would be on vacation the first week of August.***

1. **Adjournment**

***A motion was made by Councilmember Plasch to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Devries. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.***

***I hereby certify that the July 16, 2015, Regular City Council Minutes as presented, were approved by the Lexington City Council on August 6, 2015.***

***Bill Petracek***

***City Administrator***

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