

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
WORKSHOP SYNOPSIS
Thursday, November 19, 2020
Immediately following Council meeting
City Hall**

- 1. Call to Order:** Mayor Murphy
- 2. Roll Call:** DeVries – Harris – Hughes – Winge

Mayor Murphy called to order the workshop for November 19, 2020 at 7:31 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries, Harris, Hughes, and Winge. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Steve Winter, City Engineer.

3. Discussion Items:

- A. Discuss
 - Memorial Park Concession Stand

Councilmember Harris provided pictures of the Memorial Park buildings in a PowerPoint presentation detailing some of the exterior deficiencies and blight of each building. Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the City Council was to add funds to the 2021 budget park maintenance to:

- 1. Powerwash and paint the concession stand and shelter house – paint Lexington color blue.*
- 2. Replace the letters on the shelter house with a new City of Lexington logo sign.*
 - City of Blaine and City of Lexington water system relationship

Petracek explained to the City Council a meeting that the city engineer and he had had on November 17th with the City of Blaine staff regarding our water system relationship and the future of it. He explained that the City of Blaine intends to reduce the number of interconnections with the City of Lexington, and they have offered to provide a metered water service to us for a retail rate that they charge their commercial businesses in their community. Petracek continued by saying the Blaine staff is going to recommend to their City Council at their December 7th meeting to take the necessary steps to dissolve the joint powers agreement (JPA) with the City of Lexington involving the shared use of our water systems. Discussion ensued.

Steve Winter, City Engineer, provided details of what the City of Blaine intends to do and how the upgrades to their water system to facilitate their plan to transition the City of Lexington off of their water system. He provided details of how this would affect our water distribution system and what it means for us going forward. Discussion ensued.

Petracek stated that MSA Consultants will be conducting a feasibility study on the City of Lexington's options for providing water service to our residents in the future that will address the City of Blaine's intentions and our issues with our Gross Alpha in our water that the Minnesota Department of Health is requiring for future water treatment. He added that we will need to increase our water utility rates charged to our citizens considerably over the next years in order for us to afford any upgrades to our system or to purchase water from the City of Blaine. Discussion ensued.

The City Council discussed a 15-25% increase to the water utility rates to offset the added costs to the City of Blaine's decisions that are made on our water system and any upgrades necessary to maintain operations of the system. Discussion ensued.

Petracek also explained that the City of Blaine will be proposing a contract drafted by their city attorney that will the City of Lexington will need to consider and negotiate the terms in the coming months. Discussion ensued.

3. Staff Input

No staff input

4. Council Input

No input from the City Council

5. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.