

Regular Council

November 15,

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Brian White presiding.

ROLL CALL

The following Village Council members were present: Bob Jarvis, Katie Getz, Adam Gongwer, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little, Darrell Starr-Jude and Todd Wise.

Other officials present: Attorney John Studenmund; Chief Brett Pauley and Peter Them Assistant Finance Director.

Others: Keith Bacin of 419 Cedarwood Drive and Jeff O'Brien of 86 Holiday Hill.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by LITTLE to approve the minutes
of November 21, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.
Seconded by STARR-JUDE.
Roll call. 7 Yeas: 0; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion by JARVIS to set the time of adjournment
for 8:00 p.m. Seconded by KEARNS.
Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

Mayor White requested any Village resident wishing to address Council concerning Council business to please stand, state their name and address for the record, and their purpose for attending Council: No comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES AND PERSONNEL: No report.

FINANCE: Met before Council. Will hold another meeting Monday December 13th at 6:00 p.m. Bills have been checked and approved.

SAFETY SERVICE: No report.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Committee will meet after Council to discuss water/sewer rates.
Two residents commented about people/businesses using water tap at the Street Department. Identifications of the vehicles were given. Councilman Little believed those doing the boring project had permission to use the water.

Councilman Kearns also noted of recent article regarding Mt. Vernon's electrical and natural gas rates via aggregation. Mr. Kearns sent to Mr. Smallstey to have for comparison. Mayor White asked if they also utilize NOPEC. Mr. Kearns stated no, they use others.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: Committee met November 15th; minutes are approved. It has been noted that the unfinished roadway behind Woodside Allotment has vehicles regularly using the road from Highridge out to Fox Road. Councilman Wise asked for road blocks to be consider by the developer to prevent the usage of the private property or for the roadway to be completed. The storm drains are uncovered, there are no stop signs, a concrete block limits traffic to one lane among other unfinished items.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: No report.

FINANCE REPORT

No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

Income Tax revenue is higher than budgeted.

Motion by LITTLE to approve
Budgeted longevity pay for employees.
Seconded by GONGWER.
Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

Signal at the square is temporarily out due to an electrical back-feed blowing the controls. Tonight's appropriation has the added approximately \$20,000.00 necessary to repair the signal light. Councilman Kearns asked if this money will helped towards engineering a more updated signal, one that has true sensors instead of a timing loop. Mayor White said no, the monies will be used only for repairs. Hopefully we can repurpose these new parts when new signals are purchased for the Village. Brian Shook is doing the repairs on the light.

A link went out with the water bills to take residents to Leverage Lexington website for review.

Light Up Lexington was successful. Thank you to Mr. Keith Bacin's donation – the poster winners are happy with their gift certificates. The Mayor noted the decorations are tired and dated; need to add that to capital conversations. Councilman Little suggested hanging baskets for all new poles on the square as an addition to capital conversation.

Councilman Jarvis and I attended Mayor's Court training.

New windows are now installed at Village Hall. This was made possible by NOPEC energy grant.

Councilman Gongwer asked for updates regarding the off-site construction shipping container across from the schools; it is still in use. Attorney Studenmund offered to send letter with recommendations; only if Andy has not sent letter.

We will hold swearing in for all new Council Members at the Lexington Depot with Judge Robinson on December 29th at 7:00 p.m.

CIC will meet December 15th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the old Decker's lot across the street.

Councilman Wise asked if heard of any results from Englefield Oil Company regarding traffic study. Mayor White said he has not heard from them. Councilwoman Getz asked if there was a deadline for the results. Attorney Studenmund replied that it is assumed in a "reasonable amount of time".

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

As reported by Police Chief Brett Pauley: No report.

PARLIAMENTARIAN'S REPORT

As reported by Councilman Adam Gongwer: No report.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 21-34 by Mr. Little

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR DECEMBER FOR INCOME TAX, STORM WATER, SEWER, WATER, PARKS, STREET CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE & REPAIR, ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY, POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND GENERAL FUNDS.

Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council requiring that an Ordinance comes from a standing committee.

Seconded by GONGWER.

Roll call. All yeas: 7 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council requiring that an Ordinance is read on two separate occasions.

Seconded by GONGWER.

Roll call. All yeas: 7 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to adopt.

Seconded by GONGWER.

DISCUSSION: \$20,000.00 was added for traffic signal.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Little requested chuckholes in Community Park drive be addressed before winter sets in.

NEW BUSINESS

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Leverage Lexington will hold virtual meeting with RCDG tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. Councilman Wise suggested scheduling a Leverage Lexington committee meeting with Planning Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Starr-Jude thanked other Council Members for working with him during his last four years and allowing him to learn from his experiences. Mr. Starr-Jude wished all Council Members good luck.

Motion by GONGWER to adjourn
before the appointed hour.

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Wilson
Clerk of Council

Brian White
Mayor