

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, Finance Director James Banks, and Administrator Andy Smallstey.

Others: Michael Mitchell of 410 Fox Road; Keith Bacin of 419 Cedarwood Drive; Ben Mutti of 38 Avon Drive; Avery & Rebecca English of 564 Walnut Drive North; Jeff O'Brien of 86 Holiday Hill; Scot & Abraham Evans of 690 Walnut Drive South; Barry, Amber, Abigail, & Ben Sheets of 2783 Quail Run Court; and Erich, Addison, & Brody Schroder of 2801 Quail Run Court.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by LITTLE to approve the minutes of November 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by STARR-JUDE.

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

Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion by JARVIS to set the time of adjournment

For 8:15 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:

Keith Bacin of Cedarwood thanked the Village Street Department for doing great job of picking up leaves throughout the Village. Mr. Bacin made a donation to Light Up Lexington. Light Up Lexington will be observed November 29th at 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES AND PERSONNEL: Ordinance tonight.

FINANCE: Committee meets December 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m..

SAFETY SERVICE: No report.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No report. Mr. Kearns asked if Poggemeyer revised rate study will be completed this week as planned. Mr. Smallstey replied it should be completed this week as requested.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: Committee held a meeting before tonight's Council Session.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Park Levy passed.

FINANCE REPORT

As reported by Finance Director James Banks:

All books are balanced as of October 31, 2021. All CD's are balanced: \$250,000.00, \$500,000.00, and \$1,000,000.00.

Motion by LITTLE
to accept Finance report.

Seconded by WISE.

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

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Administrator Andrew Smallstey:

We had water main break on Kimberwick that was promptly repaired. Working with AEP, we now have security lights at Patriot Park. No installation costs were incurred by the Village; we will have on-going lighting costs. Poles currently have one light but have the capability of one more light installed per pole.

Chief, Peter Them, and I started work on 2022 budget.

I have meeting with Health Care group this Thursday.

EPA metric report was received and no issues were found.

I will be filing for Tree City USA within next ten days.

Leaf pickup ends November 19th.

Councilman Gongwer asked about shipping container on Frederick Street. Mr. Smallstey replied he did send a letter to the owner. The owner did express some objections; but whether the objections are justified, Mr. Smallstey is not certain.

Councilwoman Getz asked for update on flower brackets. Mr. Smallstey replied negatively. Mayor White added we are searching for residents to volunteer for Park Board.

Councilman Kearns asked if the Village has sufficient supply of salt to get through winter. Mr. Smallstey replied the Village has plenty of salt to start the year and into 2022. Agreement with ODOT is more restrictive and the amount of salt you request; you must take. The contract with the county is not linked to volume. Mr. Kearns asked if the price of salt between the two entities are much different. Mr. Smallstey answered, the Village splits the salt 50/50 with ODOT and Richland County. ODOT has lower cost, so he starts the season with ODOT salt at a set amount of 500 tons. That quantity is used to fill the salt storage shed on Mill Street to start the season. The ODOT contract is a "use it or lose it" type. Salt that is ordered and not taken is still billed. Due to the unknown salt demand for the season, the Village uses a 50/50 split. Mr. Kearns asked if a larger salt bin upgrade investment should be considered to allow more salt to be taken in from ODOT at lower cost. Mr. Smallstey said that current salt prices do not warrant such an investment, the difference between ODOT and Richland County is not significant.

Councilman Little asked about stumps in Bicentennial Park. Mr. Smallstey reported stump removal will be done in two rounds. We have completed round one; round two will be scheduled when we have more money.

Councilman Wise asked if water department media project was completed. Mr. Smallstey confirmed that it had.

MAYOR'S REPORT

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

The process continues for the current Jobs Act Grant. At the moment the money talk is in around 1.2 trillion dollars.

Does Council have an objection for liquor license transfer for Nickel & Bean. None were heard.

Light Up Lexington will be held at 7:00 p.m. on November 29th on the square.

Resident Ben Mutti has requested a Menorah to be displayed on the Village Square. Attorney Studenmund addressed the request, stating Federal Case Law does permit private individuals to display religious icons on Village property. Attorney Studenmund said the Village is permitted to choose a location and allow limitations.

Motion by Jarvis to allow

Menorah displayed at Community Park

From November 28, 2021 through December 2, 2021.

Seconded by GONGWER.

Roll call. 5 Yeas: Nays: 2; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

As reported by Police Chief Brett Pauley:

Part-time Patrolman Kevin Wiseman is retiring from the Village after 23 years of service. Thank you Mr. Wiseman.

PARLIAMENTARIAN'S REPORT

As reported by Councilman Adam Gongwer: No report.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 21-33 by Mr. Starr-Jude

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES.

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

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 7 – 0.

Motion carried.

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

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 7 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by STARR-JUDE to adopt.

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Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: NO DISCUSSION

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

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Wise announced a flier will be in next water bill regarding public comments on Leverage Lexington. This can be done on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

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