

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Regular Meeting Monday, July 25, 2016 in the conference room of the Lexington Community Center, 6964 Huron Avenue, Lexington, MI 48450.

Regular Council Meeting Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Elva Mills

Pledge of Allegiance led by Village President Elva Mills

Roll call taken by Clerk, Beth Grohman

Present: Ehardt, Dickinson, Fulton, Klaas, Beardslee, Thibault, Mills

Absent: None

Others present: Grohman, Kosht, Jarosz, Schoen, Thompson, Bender, Flannigan, State Rep candidate Shane Hernandez, and 10 residents

Public comment:

Shane Hernandez – Michigan State Representative Candidate – Introduction

Tootie Reckinger – 5203 Main Street Lot 98 – Questions regarding the election notices.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Klaas, to approve the agenda as presented

All Ayes

Motion carried

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES– Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Beardslee, to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting of June 27, 2016 as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- Dickinson, Klaas, Ehardt, Fulton, Beardslee, Thibault, Mills

Nays - None

Motion carried

B. INVOICE- KELLY WHIPPLE ZICK AND KEYES- Motion by Klaas, seconded by Beardslee, to approve the payment of \$280 to Kelly Whipple, Zick and Keyes, \$84 to be paid from the Zoning Fund 101-722-811-000 and \$196 to be paid from the General Fund 101-266-811-000.

Roll Call

Ayes-Klaas, Beardslee, Ehardt, Dickinson, Fulton, Thibault, Mills

Nays- None

Motion carried

C. RESOLUTION 2016-02 CHECK SIGNERS–Motion by Beardslee, seconded by Ehardt, to approve Resolution 2016-02 Check Signers as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes –Beardslee, Ehardt, Dickinson, Fulton, Klaas, Thibault, Mills

Nays- None

Motion carried.

D. EMTERRA CONTRACT - Motion by Beardslee, seconded by Klaas, to table until next month Council meeting.

Roll Call

Ayes – Beardslee, Klaas, Ehardt, Fulton, Thibault, Mills

Nays - Dickinson

Motion carried

E. POLICE CHIEF CONTRACT – Motion by Beardslee, seconded by Fulton, to approve a 30 day extension with a termination of the contract on August 25, 2016.

Discussion

Beardslee- Stated Chief has done an outstanding job with training our officer and we could temporarily be without a chief until time we can get proper funding.

Fulton – Clarifications regarding the extension on the current contract without Council approval. Asked to for amendments to the contract, “ There shall be no extensions or renewals of this agreement unless a letter of intent is submitted by the contractor and/or 30 days prior to the end of the agreement June 30, 2017 and agreed upon by the Village”.

Dickinson – Questioned how his contract was extended without approval. Questioned who authorized the extension and insurance liability. Also questioned whether police staff was asked about the renewal, seems to be some discontent in the department.

Mills – Cannot rectify what has been done. Would do it again. Our perspective it was appropriate.

Klaas – Disagreed with asking the employees about renewal.

Mills – Have asked employees in the past.

Kosht – The Police Department has a right to file a grievance and have never filed.

Thibault – Don’t feel Fulton’s questions was answered.

Klaas- Known as a friend and a chief. Worked with them learn from Ed and can continue to grow and learn from Ed.

Dickinson – Don’t disagree Ed has done a great job concerned about the current staff leaving.

Roll Call

Ayes- Beardslee, Dickinson, Fulton

Nays –Ehardt, Klaas, Thibault, Mills

Motion failed

Motion by Beardlsee, seconded by Dickinson to table and send to Personnel Committee

Roll call

Ayes – Beardslee, Fulton, Dickinson

Nays- Ehardt, Klaas, Thibault, Mills

Motion failed

Motion by Klaas, seconded by Ehardt, to accept the contract that is before with the proposed amendments.

Discussion

Beardslee – Questioned why we would extend a contract when the Union contract has not been settled? Still have Union negotiations going on and should not approve a contract that has not been budgeted for.

Thibault – Questioned where are the funds coming from for the salary, not been budgeted for?

Kosht – Budget is a guideline and Police Department is part of the general fund, normally fit in the wages.

Beardslee – Made the budget for 2015-16 but not in the budget for 2016-17, how can we pay for it, where will the wages come from. Have to make a cut.

Dickinson – Originally Chief was retiring, I would support a six month extension.

Roll Call

Ayes – Klaas, Ehardt, Fulton, Thibault, Mills

Nays – Dickinson, Beardslee

Motion carried

Mills – Next month meeting clarification of where the funds are coming from for Chief salary.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Klaas, to approve the check register for June 2016 in the amount of \$185,160.65 from check number 31013 through check number 31145.

Discussion

Beardslee – Requested a copy of MHP Manager invoice be in the packet.

Roll Call

Ayes- Dickinson, Klaas, Ehardt, Fulton, Thibault, Mills
Nays- Beardslee
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE - Newsletters from MHP Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Tootie Reckinger – 5203 Main Street Lot 98 – Commented on the procedures of the Committee of Whole Meeting and working together. Also commented on the line items for wages in the budget.

Andrew Gross- Croswell- Comments regarding minutes and the website, and public comments, too inconsistent. Also commented on the sound, and Chief actions.

Larry Tyson – 5203 Main Street Lot 29 – Commented on budget monies for chief salary, and where to find the funds for the salary.

Barb Schultz -5049 Lakeshore Lot 5 – Commented on the sound in the room. Hard to hear in the back of the room.

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:

Thibault – Commented on the positive outcome of having Ed for Chief.

Klaas – Asked about the wifi.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Klaas, seconded by Dickinson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted
Beth Grohman, Village Clerk