

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Regular Council Meeting Monday, October 26, 2020 at the Village Theatre 7318 Huron Avenue, Lexington, Michigan

Call to Order Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. by President Kristen Kaatz

Pledge of Allegiance led by President Kristen Kaatz

Roll call taken by Clerk Beth Grohman

Present: Jarsoz, Fulton, Muoio, Adams, Kaatz

Absent: Schultz

Others present: Holly Tatman, Chris Heiden, Tim Wrathell and 20 citizens

Public comment:

Pauline Balan – 5203 Main Street Lot 99 – Comments regarding the blight issues, over a year old and who is responsible for addressing? Also commented on the Personnel Policy Article 17, under compensation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Jarosz, seconded by Adams, to approve the agenda as amended.

Addition of item G.1 Rules of Procedure Amendments

All ayes

Motion carried

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. TIM WRATHEL – Gave a brief presentation on his candidacy for Sanilac County Circuit Court Judge.

B. MINUTES – Motion by Fulton, seconded by Muoio, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of September 28, 2020 as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Adams, seconded by Muoio, to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of October 1, 2020 as presented

All ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Adams, seconded by Fulton, approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of October 14, 2020 as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

C. INVOICE – KELLY LAW FIRM –Motion by Muoio, seconded by Fulton, to approve the payment of \$7704.50, to be paid from Zoning, MHP, Water and General Funds.

Discussion – Proposal for new attorney. Requested an RFP for the next agenda.

Roll Call

Ayes – Muoio, Fulton, Jarosz, Adams, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

D. MASTER PLAN – Motion by Fulton, seconded by Muoio, to approve the Master Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Discussion

Roll Call

Ayes – Fulton, Muoio, Adams, Kaatz

Nays – Jarosz

Motion carried

E. MANAGER EVALUATION – Kaatz- Manager evaluation was to be in May, but with COVID 19 it was postponed. Kaatz polled members as to when the evaluation should be completed, May or next month. Members preferred November. Kaatz briefly went through the list of accomplishments by the Manager. No request for a wage increase has been made. A personnel meeting will be scheduled after the election and will be presented to the full council at the November Council Meeting.

F. PERSONNEL POLICY – Motion by Jarosz, seconded by Fulton to approve the Personnel Policy as presented.

Discussion

Roll Call

Ayes- Jarosz, Fulton, Muoio, Adams, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

G. UHY PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTING SERVICES – Brief discussion. Muoio requested an in person meeting with the consulting firm to discuss the scope of work to be done. Motion by Muoio, seconded by Jarosz to table for further information.

All ayes

Motion carried

G1. RULES OF PROCEDURES – Tatman explained the amendments address the rules and procedures for zoom meetings, recommended by the Michigan Municipal League. Motion by Jarosz, seconded by Fulton, to approve the amendments to the Rules of Procedures as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- Muoio, Jarosz, Fulton, Adams, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

DPW/WATER/SEWER

H. EVERGREEN LAND DEVELOPMENT SANITARY SEWER AND WATER AGREEMENT– Tatman- Greg Brown, Evergreen Land Development has agreed to give the Village an easement to Birch Drive to run sewer through the development to M-25 including access for a connection. The Village agrees to pay \$30,000 for the easement but Brown will 100% fund and construct the entire collection system, including mains and service leads. Tatman also explained an agreement for the easement is needed for the USDA Grants and Loans to secure the loan. Heiden reported, Brown plans to develop the land in two phases, Phase I he plans to construct about 28 homes, and Phase II will construct the remainder, up to approximately 60 homes total. Motion by Jarosz, seconded by Fulton, to approve the agreement with Evergreen Land Development for the easement to Birch Drive for \$30,000.

Discussion

Roll Call

Ayes- Jarosz, Fulton, Muoio, Adams, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

I. ANNUAL CONCRETE BID – Motion by Jarosz to accept the bid from DELS Contracting. Failed for lack of support.

Discussion – Members requested more information and references on low bidder.

Motion by Kaatz, seconded by Muoio, to table until November meeting.

All ayes

Motion carried

MOBILE HOME PARK

J. MHP DEPOSIT REFUND – Motion by Jarosz, seconded by Fulton, to approve the refund of \$100 to Don and Cindy Ruesche, Lot 58.

Roll Call

Ayes- Jarosz, Fulton, Muoio, Adams, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

PLANNING

K. PLANNING BOARD APPLICATION – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Jarosz, to appoint Dave Picot the Planning Commission.

Discussion

Roll Call

Ayes- Muoio, Jarosz, Fulton

Nays – Adams, Kaatz

Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Motion by Fulton, seconded by Kaatz, to approve the check register in the amount of \$272,301.75, check numbers 35699 through 35768 and the financial reports.

Discussion

Roll Call

Ayes- Fulton, Kaatz, Jarosz, Muoio, Adams

Nays – None

Motion carried

Manager Report

Muoio – Questions regarding the return to work five days, new officer, and building maintenance share agreement with Township.

Jarosz – Would like it in the minutes the clarification of the lease signatures

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Parraghi – 5203 Main Street -Comments regarding EGLE, high risk erosion designation, and appraisal of Mobile Home Park. Also questions on the water runoff, and trustee vacancy.

Pauline Balan – 5203 Main Street Lot 99- Commented on the Zoning Administrator report, blight issues in the park not addressed.

Steve Stencel – Stated couldn't very well and commented on the concrete bid, don't always go with lowest bid go with someone who has a proven track record.

COUNCIL PERSONS COMMENTS

Fulton – Answers to questions regarding EGLE, on their website easy to find.

Jarosz – Request of list of mobile home park violations go the Zoning Administration.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Fulton, seconded by Jarosz, to adjourn the meeting 8:45 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted

Beth Grohman