

Special Meeting  
Council Chambers  
January 4, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Lexington, Missouri met in Special Session on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Pro-tem Scott Lynn presiding.

The Mayor Pro-tem called the meeting to order and roll being called, the following members of the council answered as follows: Present: Donna Sims, Chandra Carey, LaDonna Scott, Rodney Wolken, John Harden, Earl Parris and Scott Lynn. Absent: none. Also present: Carla Ghisalberti, City Clerk and Mark O'Dell, City Administrator. Whereupon the Mayor Pro-tem declared a quorum present.

The Administrator added Water Levels to the agenda. Motion by Sims seconded by Harden to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Mayor Resignation: Joe Aull submitted a resignation letter effective January 2, 2022, he has taken a job with the Farm Service Agency. Motion by Sims seconded by Scott to approve the resignation of Joe Aull as Mayor as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem: Scott Lynn has stated that he is out of town working, he is not refiling and would not be available therefore withdrew his position as Mayor Pro-tem. Lynn recommended Earl Parris as Mayor Pro-tem; he has the experience on council and would be available when needed. This would be until the April election. Motion by Sims seconded by Scott to approve the appointment of Earl Parris as Mayor Pro-tem. Motion carried.

Mayor Election: The City has received notification that Jason Sawyer has filed with the County to be a write-in candidate. Write-ins will be accepted by the County on all positions until March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Health, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance Renewal: The renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield would be an 18% increase no matter the insurance broker. Devra Leach, Connell Insurance looked into a health pool option through Missouri Public Risk. The MPR pool would save the City on an annual basis \$52,585.92 with Cigna, a HSA Plan and a \$2500 deductible. Some of the preventative prescriptions are free. The dental would change to Delta Dental and the vision to VSP saving the City annually \$591.72. The life would change to KC Life saving the City annually about \$180.00. The total savings for the City would be \$53,357.64, so if there are 35 employees on the plan this would be a savings of \$1524.51 per employee. The Budget Committee met on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and approved the plans with MPR as presented. With the savings it was recommended that \$500 be put in each employees HSA account; that would still be a savings per employee of \$1,000. There was discussion about increasing the amount put in the HSA and when the funds would be put in the employees account monthly, quarterly or all upfront. Council agreed to the \$500 all upfront. The employee may contribute to the HSA plan – the funds remain with the employee. Motion by Wolken seconded by Sims to approve the MPR pool plan as presented and to approve the \$500 upfront HSA contribution. Motion carried.

Water Level Issues: The vacuum pump is running at full capacity at 420 gallons per minute. The river is at 3.23 feet and could drop in the next 3 days to 3 feet – the actually water level is 5-6 feet but that does not give enough hydraulic pressure for the pump. Under an emergency Administrator O'Dell had asked Earthworks to dig out the culvert under the railroad to run a pipe to the river and either purchase a pump or rental a pump. This could not be done due to culvert issues. There are 2 – 8” pipes that go into a 14” pipe and back to the plant. Earthworks to excavate with the trackhoe 1 of the 8” pipes. The trackhoe would be out on the dike digging down to be able to lower the pipe. Then a large pump would be placed on the dike to pump water back to the plant. The monthly rental of pump would be \$10,000 – the major cost is piping, valves, setup and teardown at about \$20,000. The trigger point is when the pump gets to 300 gallons per minute. There is 3 days of storage in the towers which would allow time to get the piping and pump setup. Randall Hansen, Emergency Management stated that he may be able to get a pump from the State – he will

get the information from Administrator O'Dell. Motion by Sims seconded by Lynn to approve proceeding with Earthworks and the excavation of the 8" pipe to enable lowering pipe to river. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolken seconded by Scott to adjourn. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Carla Ghisalberti  
City Clerk  
01/04/2022

Earl Parris  
Mayor Pro-tem