**CITY OF LEXINGTON**

**WORKSHOP MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 16, 2017**

**Immediately following Council meeting**

**City Hall**

**1. Call to Order:** Mayor Kurth

**2. Roll Call:** DeVries – Hughes – Harris - Murphy

***Mayor Kurth called to order the workshop for February 16, 2017 at 7:24 p.m. Councilmember’s present: Devries, Harris, Hughes, and Murphy. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Steve Winter, City Engineer; Pat Zeitner, Quad Press Reporter; Chad Payment, Citizen.***

**3. Discussion Items:**

1. Discuss Blaine Water Outage

***Petracek stated he placed this item on the agenda to have a discussion about the Blaine water outage with the City Council since the City Engineer would be present at the meeting and we could educate the Councilmember’s on the details of our dependence on the City of Blaine for water services. Petracek continued by saying that the Police Operations Committee also had a discussion with the Police Governing Board at their February 13th meeting about incorporating an alert system for Lexington, Circle Pines, and Centerville during emergencies such as Lexington’s water outage to provide information to our citizens. The discussion with the Governing Board was a positive discussion about an alert system being purchase and administration via the police department. They’ve asked us to continue research on the idea and provide recommendations. Discussion ensued.***

***Steve Winter, City Engineer, provided an explanation to the Council as to why the City of Lexington depends on the City of Blaine for their water services. Winter provided an overview of what the City of Lexington would need to do to divest from the City of Blaine’s water services in the future. Discussion ensued.***

1. Discuss Oak Lane Rain Gardens

***Mayor Kurth explained that the rain gardens on Oak Lane are not working appropriately and are swamps. He added that he has 12 inches of water in his rain garden, it smells, and has tadpoles growing in it. He stated they worked the first three years, but hasn’t worked for the past several years; it always has water in it, and there isn’t supposed to be. Discussion ensued.***

***Steve Winter, City Engineer, provided an explanation of rain gardens and the storm water pond on Hamline Ave.***

***Mayor Kurth expressed that he has had water in his rain garden since 2015, as do the other properties on Oak Lane that have rain gardens. He added that there needs to be something done about this. Winter stated that there are two options that the City has and he provided an overview of the options. He stated that would need to alter the materials used in the gardens as one option. He also discussed the idea of acquiring property and installing a storm water retention pond. Discussion ensued.***

***The consensus of the Council was to have the city engineer work with the public works department to rework the existing rain gardens, first, before they consider the construction of a storm water retention pond.***

**4. Staff Input**

***No input from staff***

**5. Council Input**

***No input from the Council.***

**6. Adjourn**

***Councilmember Harris made a motion to adjourn the February 16, 2017 Council Workshop at 8:25 p.m. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.***