

**MINUTES
CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.
9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER: – Mayor Grote

- A. Roll Call - Council Members: DeVries, Harris, Winge and Benson

Mayor Grote called to order the Regular City Council meeting for September 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's present: Benson, Devries, Harris, and Winge. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Mayor Dave Bartholomay, City of Circle Pines; Mayor D. Love, City of Centerville; Susan Love.

3. CITIZENS FORUM

Mayor D. Love, City of Centerville, was present to discuss the vote the City Council was taking to not approve the 2024 CLPD Budget. He asked the Council to approve the budget and assured the Lexington City Council that a solution could be worked out regarding the budget appropriations formula.

Mayor Dave Bartholomay, City of Circle Pines, was present to express his concerns about the budget formula, but the message he wanted to bring was his support for the police department and the approval of the 2024 budget.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Benson made a motion to approve the agenda as typewritten. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- A. Airport (Councilmember Devries) – *No report*
- B. Cable Commission (Councilmember Winge) *Quarterly meetings – No report*
- C. City Administrator (Bill Petracek) – *Petracek followed up with Mayor Grote's request to tour Landings of Lexington. Discussion ensued. The consensus was to have the tour on October 5th at 5:00 PM before the City Council meeting.*

Petracek asked the Council if anyone had any objections to NMTV developing a podcast/app for our City Council meetings. Discussion ensued. No objections were heard. Petracek stated he would direct NMTV to move forward with the podcast/app.

6. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Reports- 8-9 through 8-22, 2023
- B. Public Notice
- C. Council Workshop meeting synopsis

No discussion on Letters and Communications.

7. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:
Council Meeting – August 17, 2023
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:
Check #'s 14884 through 14897
Check #'s 14900 through 14906

Councilmember Benson made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to approve replacement of small dump truck for a total price of \$95,550.27

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve replacement of small dump truck for a total price of \$95,550.27. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- B. Recommendation to approve Resolution NO. 23-12 A Resolution Certifying Proposed Tax Levy Requirements for 2024 to Anoka County for Collection

Councilmember Harris made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 23-12 A Resolution Certifying Proposed Tax Levy Requirements for 2024 to Anoka County for Collection. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. Recommendation to approve New Business License

Councilmember Benson made a motion to approve New Business License for 4-Point Construction. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. Recommendation to approve Special Event Permit – Hocktoberfest
Centennial/Spring Lake Park Girls Hockey Fundraiser – October 7, 2023

Councilmember Benson made a motion to approve Special Event Permit – Hocktoberfest Centennial/Spring Lake Park Girls Hockey Fundraiser – October 7, 2023. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- E. Recommendation to NOT approve the 2024 Police Budget until Centennial Lakes Police Department Joint Powers Agreement budget appropriations formula is amended to reflect the Police Operations Committee endorsed changes to the formula as follows: 40% Population – 40% Call Volume- 20% Taxable Market Value

Petracek explained that by not approving the 2024 Police Budget, the new budget would need to have \$185,387.67 cut out of the budget to accommodate the CLPD Joint Powers Agreement. Discussion ensued. Petracek explained this action needs to be done by September 15th or it is assumed approved by Lexington. All three cities need to approve the budget. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Harris made a motion to NOT approve the 2024 Police Budget until Centennial Lakes Police Department Joint Powers Agreement budget appropriations formula is amended to reflect the Police Operations Committee endorsed changes to the formula as follows: 40% Population – 40% Call Volume- 20% Taxable Market Value. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

9. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

Councilmember Benson discussed the town hall meeting that Congressman Tom Emmers sponsored. Members of the Council were impressed with Congressman Emmer's abilities to handle a crowd of people. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Harris stated she was glad to see Lexington Ave. mill and overlay project completed.

Mayor Grote invited everyone out the CircleLex Lions Club golf outing at Chomonix Golf Course for their fundraiser.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Devries made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.