

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.
9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE**

1. CALL TO ORDER: – Mayor Pitchford

- A. Roll Call - Council Members: Bailey, Hughes, Payment, Plasch

Mayor Pitchford called to order the Regular Council meeting of the City of Lexington on December 18, 2014 at 7:04 p.m. Councilmember's present: Plasch, Hughes, Payment and Bailey.

Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Tina Northcutt, Finance Director; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Mark Kurth, Mayor Elect; Kim Devries, Councilmember Elect

2. CITIZENS FORUM –

There were no citizens present for discussion under this item.

Mayor Pitchford announced the Holiday Lighting contest winners:

- 1. Pederson residence – 3871 Flowerfield Road*
- 2. Graham residence – 9251 Hamline Ave.*
- 3. Carpenter residence – 8871 Griggs Ave.*

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Motion was made by Councilmember Bailey, seconded by Councilmember Payment to approve the agenda as presented. Passed unanimously. Motion carried 5-0.

4. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Planning & Zoning meeting minutes – December 9, 2014
- B. Thank you – Eric Lofstad & Team ARCHER
- C. CenterPoint Energy – Notice of MPUC approved rate increase
- D. Ticket Education Program 2014 Gross Revenue
- E. Public Notice – Closed Executive Session 12-18-2014

Some discussion was had on Letters and Communications. No action was taken.

Consent Agenda:

5. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:
Council Meeting – November 6, 2014
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:
Check #'s 13320 through 13321
38948
38949 through 38998
10120 through 10145

Motion was made by Councilmember Bailey, seconded by Councilmember Hughes to approve the consent agenda as presented. Passed unanimously. Motion carried 5-0.

Action Items:

6. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to approve Resolution NO. 14-26 A Resolution Approving Minor Combination For 8720 Syndicate Avenue, Lexington, MN

Petracek explained that the property owner's wanted to combine the two adjoining lots that they own for tax purposes, and with the intention of possibly lowering their assessment. Discussion ensued.

Motion was made by Councilmember Payment, seconded by Councilmember Bailey to approve Resolution NO. 14-26 – A Resolution Approving Minor Combination for 8720 Syndicate Avenue, Lexington, MN. Passed unanimously. Motion carried 5-0.

- B. Anoka County Fire Protection Council Joint Powers Agreement

Fire Chief Gary Grote provided an overview of the Anoka County Fire Protection Council Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). He explained that the JPA is a legal agreement with Anoka County cities that will allow the organization to acquire property, purchase a CAD system, and form the new fire academy. He further explained that the bylaws will control what will happen within the JPA agreement and stated that the City of Lexington will pay between \$700 - \$800 and dues, which would equate to about 1.5% of the cost to operate the JPA. Chief Grote provided explanation to the governance of the JPA.

Councilmember Bailey asked Chief Grote why the City's payment for 2015 is so much less than the 2016 payment. Grote responded by saying that a grant was going to cover the first year of the JPA's agreement. Discussion ensued.

Attorney Glaser provided further explanation of the voting structure that wouldn't allow the larger cities in the JPA to control the vote or the finances. Discussion ensued.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bailey, seconded by Councilmember Payment to approve Anoka County Fire Protection Council Joint Powers Agreement. Passed unanimously. Motion carried 5-0.

7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT –

Mayor Pitchford and Councilmember Bailey thanked the Lexington residents for allowing each of them to serve the community. Mark Kurth, Mayor Elect, presented Mayor Pitchford and Councilmember Bailey a plaque and thanked them for their years of service to the City of Lexington.

8. MOVE TO CONVENE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TO CLOSED SESSION.

The City Council convened in closed session at 7:45 p.m.

9. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

- The purpose is to consider offer to purchase public land

10. MOVE TO RECONVENE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council reconvened in open session at 8:05 p.m.

11. CITY ADMINISTRATOR INPUT – *No input from the city administrator.*

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilmember Bailey, seconded by Councilmember Payment to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at 8:08 p.m. Passed unanimously. Motion carried 5-0.