**CITY OF LEXINGTON**

**WORKSHOP MINUTES**

**Thursday, June 21, 2018**

**Immediately following Council meeting**

**City Hall**

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

***Mayor Kurth called to order the workshop for June 21, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember’s present: Devries, Hughes, and Murphy. Excused Absence: Harris. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Gary Grote, Fire Chief; Quad Press Reporter.***

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

**3. Discussion Items:**

* Discuss Lease Purchase Agreement financing of firefighters turnout gear

***Gary Grote, Fire Chief, explained that due to the connection between cancer and unclean turn-out gear in fire fighters, he is recommending that we move toward having two sets of turn-out gear for each firefighter. One set that would be in the process of being washed, and the other set being used.***

***Grote explained that a set of turn-out gear costs approximately $2,500 for a complete set – pants and coat. A set has a ten-year life span before needing to be replaced. He would rotate replacement every 5 years. He further explained he doesn’t want to deplete the fire department equipment accounts and wanted to discuss lease purchase program to finance the turnout gear.***

***Discussion ensued.***

***Finance Director, Chris Galiov, explained that they have approximately $100,000 available in the 10% fire fighter equipment account and recommended that the turn-out gear be purchased for cash. He added that the 10% firefighter equipment account cannot be spent on fire station building upgrades as per the State Gambling Association. Discussion ensued.***

***Petracek explained this should be discussed at budget time along with the fire station upgrades that would be proposed. He added we need to look at the numbers for both items to consider the priorities and available funds for 2019. Discussion ensued.***

**4. Staff Input**

***No staff input***

**5. Council Input**

***Mayor Kurth discussed changing the July 5th meeting or cancelling it. No definite decision was made.***

**6. Adjourn**

***Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.***