

Minutes
CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.
9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE

1. CALL TO ORDER: – Mayor Kurth

- A. Roll Call - Council Members: DeVries, Harris, Hughes and Murphy

Mayor Kurth called to order the Regular City Council meeting for the City of Lexington at 7:00 pm of September 19, 2019. Councilmember's present: Devries, Harris, Hughes, and Murphy. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Gary Grote, Fire Chief; Members of the Lexington Fire Department; Joe Hammer, Citizen; Joe Ackerman, Citizen; Centennial High School students.

2. CITIZENS FORUM

*Joe hammer
8892 Dunlap Dr.
Lexington, MN.*

Mr. Hammer addressed the Council by asking about the Mayor's vacant seat and the process to fill it. Attorney Glaser explained the legal process for filling Mayor Kurth's position, as well as the process for filling the vacant Council seat that likely will occur as a result of the Council appointing a Mayor from the group. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Hammer also asked if any member of the Council talked with Norhart Developer's outside of City meetings. Discussion ensued. Petracek stated that members of the Council, Planning Commission, and Park Board had attended the open house on Lexington Lofts development. He added that the meeting had a public notice posted.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

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

4. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Reports – 8-28 through 9-10-19

- B. City Report – August 2019
- C. Anoka County Consolidated Plan – Goals and Priorities for 2020-2025
- D. Planning & Zoning meeting minutes – September 10, 2019
- E. Public Notice – Planning & Zoning Public Hearing – October 8, 2019

No discussion on Letters and Communications.

5. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:
Council Meeting – September 5, 2019
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:
Check #'s 13632 through 13634
Check #'s 45332 through 45391
Check #'s 12798 through 12805
Check #'s 12806 through 12815
- C. Financial Reports
 - Cash Balances
 - Fund Summary – Budget to Actual

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

6. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to approve Lexington Fire Department's request to hire:
 - Jimmy Early
 - Oscar Ogengaas Lexington firefighters at \$11.00 per hour

Chief Grote stated that the fire fighter recruits passed the hiring process and he is recommending them for hire. Discussion ensued. Grote added that he is fully staffed with the addition of these two new recruits.

Councilmember Devries made a motion to hire Jimmy Early and Oscar Ogenga to the Lexington Fire Department at \$11.00/hour. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- B. Recommendation to approve Minor Subdivision Lot Combination for K&B Enterprises at Boulevard Bar and Grill

Councilmember Harris made a motion to approve Minor Subdivision Lot Combination for K&B Enterprises at Boulevard Bar and Grill. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. Recommendation to approve Resolution 19-18 A Resolution Certifying Proposed Tax Levy Requirements For 2020 To Anoka County For Collection

Discussion about setting a preliminary levy at 2% or 5%. Petracek explained that if they set it too low, and there are projects that need to be completed, and we are unable to balance our budget, your hands will be tied for the 2020 budget year. Discussion ensued. Finance Director recalculated the preliminary levy at 5% and amended Resolution 19-18 to reflect an increased levy capacity by \$30,695. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Hughes made a motion to approve the amended Resolution 19-18 A Resolution Certifying Proposed Tax Levy Requirements For 2020 To Anoka County For Collection. Councilmember Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. Recommendation to approve Business License for RES Pyro for Lexington Fall Fest Fireworks Display on Saturday, September 21, 2019 @ 9:00 P.M.

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve Business License for RES Pyro for Lexington Fall Fest Fireworks Display on Saturday, September 21, 2019 @ 9:00 P.M. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

Mayor Kurth thanked the citizens, City Council, and city staff for their work during his terms as Mayor.

8. ADMINISTRATOR INPUT

Petracek reminded everyone about the public hearing for Lexington lofts on October 8th at 7:00 p.m. He added that the Park Board made a recommendation to move Tot Park for the purpose of accommodating the new Lexington Lofts development. Discussion ensued.

**9. PRESENTATION OF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION PLAQUE
TO MAYOR MARK KURTH**

Petracek presented Mayor Kurth with a plaque for his nearly 5- years of service to the City of Lexington.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Hughes made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

A small reception in recognition of Mayor Kurth's last meeting was had following the Council meeting prior to the start of the workshop.