

**MINUTES
CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 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 November 2, 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; Erik Edwards, Fire Chief; Members of the Circle Pines/Lexington Lions Club

3. CITIZENS FORUM

Jenny Hestekind from the Circle Pines/Lexington Lions Club was present to offer gratitude to the City of Lexington and Lexington Fire Department for their help over the years. She explained that help with the farmer's market, food drives, and Easter egg hunts have been very good.

Hestekind presented Certificates of Appreciation to the City and the Fire Department. She also thanked Jack Borgen, Liquor Store Manager, for being helpful with the farmer's market success.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of the closed session involving the City of Blaine lawsuit. Councilmember Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- A. Airport (Councilmember Devries) – *Councilmember Devries provided an update on the current plan to not expand the airport within 10 years. He went on a tour of the airport. Next meeting in Spring*
- B. Cable Commission (Councilmember Winge) *Quarterly meetings – Councilmember Winge provided an update on North Metro T.V.' sports coverage improvements and the live streaming by Neighborhood Sports Network; updated information about the City Council podcasts..*
- C. City Administrator (Bill Petracek) – *Petracek explained that Memorial Park concession stands were vandalized. He also stated that the fire hydrant project is complete. Public works will be doing landscape restoration in the Spring for the project.*

6. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Reports – 10-11 through 10-17, 2023
- B. Council Workshop meeting synopsis – October 19, 2023

No discussion on Letters and Communications.

7. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:
Council Meeting – October 19, 2023
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:
Check #'s 50852 through 50896
Check #'s 14946 through 14959
RE-ISSUE # 50851
VOID #50383 & 50897
VOID # 2023066

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

8. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Second Reading and Recommendation to Approve Ordinance No. 23-04 –
An Ordinance to Revised Chapter 5- Lawful Gambling

Attorney Glaser provided a summary of Ordinance No. 23-04.

Councilmember Winge made a motion to Approve Ordinance No. 23-04 – An Ordinance to Revised Chapter 5- Lawful Gambling. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5-0.

- B. Second Reading and Recommendation to Approve of Ordinance No. 23-05 -
An Ordinance to Revise Chapter 11.40 – An Ordinance Regulating Addiction
Treatment Clinics.

Attorney Glaser summarized Ordinance No. 23-05.

Councilmember Harris asked if there is a problem with the wording of Substance Abuse vs. Addiction Treatment Clinic. Discussion ensued. Attorney Glaser agreed with the change in language involving the wording for the clinic.

Councilmember Harris asked about the 1000 ft. restrictions for a substance abuse facility. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Devries made a motion to Approve with Amendments to Ordinance No. 23-05 - An Ordinance to Revise Chapter 11.40 – An Ordinance Regulating Addiction Treatment Clinics. Councilmember Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. Recommendation to Approve Resolution NO. 23-14 -A Resolution of the City Council of Lexington, Minnesota Approving Summary Publication of Ordinance.

Councilmember Devries made a motion to Approve with Amendments to Resolution NO. 23-14 -A Resolution of the City Council of Lexington, Minnesota Approving Summary Publication of Ordinance. Councilmember Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. Recommendation to Approve the Centennial Youth Hockey Association Reservation of the Memorial Park Hockey Rink January 2 through February 29 from 6-7 PM – Monday through Thursday.

Councilmember Devries made a motion to Approve the Centennial Youth Hockey Association Reservation of the Memorial Park Hockey Rink January 2 through February 29 from 6-7 PM – Monday through Thursday. Councilmember Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- E. Recommendation to Approve Resolution NO. 23-15 – A Resolution Approving Certificate of Land Survey for 9073 South Highway Drive for Andrew and Amy Elms

Councilmember Devries made a motion to Approve Resolution NO. 23-15 – A Resolution Approving Certificate of Land Survey for 9073 South Highway Drive for Andrew and Amy Elms. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

9. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

Councilmember Devries discussed the ticketing of vehicles on Griggs and Restwood Road for violating winter parking rules.

Councilmember Winge asked if Commissioner Reinert had contacted us about improvements to Lovell Road from Hamline Ave. to Lexington Ave. Petracek stated that when the County starts this process the county engineer contacts the city engineer.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Attorney Glaser explained the need to go into closed session discussion.

Councilmember Winge made a motion to go into closed session at 7:30 pm pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 13D.05, subd. 3(b), and is permitted by the attorney-client privilege to discuss the legal aspects surrounding personnel matters under investigation. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- This portion of the meeting is closed pursuant Minn. Stat. Section 13D.05, subd. 3(b), and is permitted by the attorney-client privilege to discuss the legal aspects surrounding personnel matters under investigation.

Councilmember Benson made a motion to reconvene into open session at 7:55 pm. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Benson made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.