

**MINUTES
CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2025– 7:00 P.M.
9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER: – Mayor Murphy

A. Roll Call - Council Members: DeVries, Benson, Mahr and Hunt

Mayor Murphy called to order the Regular Council meeting for February 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries and Hunt. Excused absence; Mahr and Benson Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Keith Dahl, Ehler's Public Finance Advisors; Derick Lynd, Ramsey, Mn.; Bonnie Taylor, Lexington, Mn.; Quad Press

3. CITIZENS FORUM

*Derick Lynd
Ramsey, MN.*

Mr. Lynd stated that he was attending the meeting as a citizen advocate for election integrity. He belongs to a group called Anoka County Urgent Call to Action (ACEIT). Their purpose is to get rid of electronic poll pads. Mr. Lynd provided a handout to the Council. Discussion ensued.

*Bonnie Taylor
4060 Restwood Rd.
Lexington, MN.*

Ms. Taylor asked about the current situation with our water system and water quality. Attorney Glaser and Petracek provided an overview as to where we are currently at with the lawsuit with the City of Blaine and the process. Mayor Murphy discussed the lobbying the legislature for funding to help with this process. Discussion ensued.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve the agenda as typewritten. Councilmember Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

5. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Notice of Public Hearing
- B. Notice of Public Hearing
- C. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Reports – 2-1 through 2-11, 202
- D. City Report – January 2025
- E. North Metro TV – January 2025

Mayor Murphy discussed the public hearings being held March 11th with the Planning Commission.

2. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:
Council Meeting – February 6, 2025
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:
Check #'s 52536 through 52590
Check #'s 15585 through 15598
- C. Financial Reports
 - Cash Balances
 - Fund Summary – Budget to Actual

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Councilmember Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to approve request by Karner Blue Education Center to use Memorial Park for Track and Field Day on May 16, 2025 (weather back-up date May 30, 2025)

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve a request by Karner Blue Education Center to use Memorial Park for Track and Field Day on May 16, 2025 (weather back-up date May 30, 2025). Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

- B. Recommendation to approve Councilmember Robert Benson as back up to Cable Commission

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve Councilmember Robert Benson as back up to Cable Commission. Councilmember Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

- C. Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation for Brandon Winge to fill vacant Planning and Zoning seat

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Brandon Winge to fill the vacant Planning and Zoning seat. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

- D. Recommendation to approve Circle Lex Lions Farmer's Market Business License application from June 11 through October 1, 2025

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve Circle Lex Lions Farmer's Market Business License application from June 11 through October 1, 2025. Councilmember Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

- E. Recommendation to approve Utility Rate Study conducted by Ehlers Public Finance Advisors in the amount up to \$60,000.00

Keith Dahl, Ehlers Public Finance Advisors, was present to discuss their proposal to conduct a utility rate study for the City of Lexington. He provided an outline of the process for the study and discussed the purpose of it and how it will help Lexington. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve a Utility Rate Study conducted by Ehlers Public Finance Advisors in the amount up to \$60,000.00. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

4. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

Councilmember Hunt asked why the police calls at Landings of Lexington is so high. She stated this is unacceptable. Petrcek explained some of the adjustments Landings have made to correct their higher police call volume since their inception. Discussion ensued.

The concensus was to have Chief Mork attend a future meeting to discuss Landings of Lexington 911 call volume further.

5. ADMINISTRATOR INPUT

No input from the administrator.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Devries made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

NO COUNCIL WORKSHOP