

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA**

The Special Meeting of the Lexington City Council was held Saturday, April 29, 1995, at the Municipal Building, 406 East 7th Street, Lexington, Nebraska, at 7:30 A.M. Members of the City Council present were: Mayor John Wightman, Robert Hawks, Dorothy Anderson and John Fagot. Councilmember Long was absent. City Officials present were: City Manager Bill Podraza, City Clerk Leon E. Malzahn and City Attorney Will Weinhold. Department Heads present was: Vance Bricker.

NOTICE:

Notice of the meeting was given in advance, thereof by publication in the Lexington Clipper-Herald, the designated method for giving notice, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these Minutes. Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the Council, and a copy of their Acknowledgment of Receipt of Notice and the agenda is attached to these Minutes. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. The proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. All items presented and discussed on the agenda were available for public inspection.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Wightman.

**COUNTYWIDE
RETREAT:**

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Hawks to recess the regular session to an open session at the Cozad Municipal Building for the purpose of a countywide retreat. Roll call. Voting "aye" were: Fagot, Hawks, Anderson, Wightman. Motion carried.

The following minutes were recorded by the Clerk of Cozad concerning the joint meeting of county officials to include Lexington, Cozad, Gothenburg, Overton and Dawson County Commissioners.

A joint meeting of the elected and appointed officials of the City of Cozad, City of Gothenburg, City of Lexington and Dawson County Commissioners was held at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 29, 1995 in the

council chambers of the city offices at 215 West 8th Street in Cozad.

Present for the meeting from the representative governments were: City of Cozad; Mayor Walters, Council Members Harvill, Worthman, Meyer, and City Clerk/Treasurer York. City of Gothenburg: Mayor Blase, Council Members Christensen, Norseen, Hudson, and City Administrator Clymer, and City Attorney Bacon. City of Lexington: Mayor Wightman, Council Members Hawks, Anderson, Fagot, and City Manager Podraza, Assistant City Manager Bricker, City Clerk Malzahn, and City Attorney Weinhold. Village of Overton: Clerk Jensen. Also in attendance were Dawson County Commissioners Benjamin and special guest Senator Jim Cudaback.

Advance notice of the meeting was given by publishing notice in the Tri City Tribune. Advance notice and a copy of the agenda was also given to the members of the governmental units. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public. All action herein represented is deemed not to be final until ratified by each governmental unit at a meeting in each governmental unit's jurisdiction.

The assembled representatives traveled by bus to the closed Cozad dump site. A presentation of the overview of the contamination of the ground water and site investigation as per Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality guidelines was reviewed. Representatives then traveled to the Lexington Regional Landfill site and informed of the progress on the approval of the licensing of the new cells by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. The representatives also were able to observe the amount of patrons using the landfill site as per the countywide clean up free day at the disposal site. The representatives then returned to the Cozad City Offices.

Mr. Jim Lundgrin, Nebraska Water Users Incorporated, presented an update on the progress of the development of the Enhanced 911 system. Copies of the county mapping were presented to

those in attendance and was reported that the signage project will be proceeding in the near future.

Mr. Leo Lang, IBP General Manager of Lexington, presented an industrial report on the operation of the Lexington facility. The report revealed the large economic impact made by company's expenditures for cattle and wages together with those supplies that are available locally. Mr. Lang thanked the public officials present for their support and cooperation in working not only with his company but with the employees of the facility. The report revealed there is still a housing shortage in the region and public officials present expressed their support in housing development.

Senator Cudaback and City Manager Podraza presented an overview of the property tax reform proposal presented by the Nebraska Legislative Revenue Committee. The number one public concern received by elected officials is property tax relief. The discussion revealed that in order to consider changes in the need for property tax finance local government, the Nebraska Legislature needs to provide for the legislative changes to authorize changes, encourage changes, and force changes in order for the governmental units to provide the services demanded by the public with any type of property tax relief.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Wightman declared the meeting adjourned.

John Wightman
Council President

Leon E. Malzahn
Lexington City Clerk

I, the undersigned City Clerk for the City of Lexington, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the Agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk during regular business hours prior to said meeting: that the Minutes of the Mayor and Council of the City of Lexington, Nebraska, from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in

written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Leon E. Malzahn
Lexington City Clerk