

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA**

A Special Meeting of the Lexington City Council was held Tuesday, October 21, 2003 at the Lexington Municipal Building, located at 406 E. 7th Street, Lexington, Nebraska at 7:30 p.m. Members of the Council present were Mayor John Fagot, Ted Cook, Rick Klamm, John Salem, Steve Tomasek. City Officials present were City Manager Joe Peplitsch, City Attorney Willard Weinhold, Deputy City Clerk Shirley Lewis. Department Heads present were Elbertta Brummet and Barb Mills.

NOTICE:

Notice of the meeting was given in advance, thereof by posting in the following locations: Lexington Municipal Building, Dawson County Courthouse, Plum Creek Bank, United Nebraska Bank, and Pinnacle Bank. 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 Fagot.

**LIBRARY STEERING
COMMITTEE
PRESENTATION:**

Mr. Hap Hardesty addressed the City Council expressing his opinions regarding the proposed Library. City Councilman Ted Cook presented a statement on behalf of the Lexington Library Steering Committee, which says "The Library Steering Committee recommends that you accept the plan developed by Ciccio Dennell Group, and Zenon Beringer Mabrey Partners, to build an 18,500 square foot Library, on the half-block purchased by the Lexington Foundation, on the west side of Washington Street, between 9th and 10th. Further, the Steering Committee recommends that the Lexington City Council adopt a Resolution at the October 28th Meeting, setting a Special Election for January 13, 2004, so the voters of Lexington might consider approving a \$1.5 Million Bond Issue to partially fund construction of the new Library. It is also our recommendation that as part of the Financing Plan, the City of Lexington provide \$300,000 of additional funding to come from the General Fund, and it is also the recommendation of the Library Steering Committee, that the Thanks-A-Million Chapter II Campaign furnish the balance of the funding for the Library Project. Such Funding to amount to about \$1.14 Million, and to be raised from Corporate and Individual Donations." Following Councilman Cook's statement, Councilman Klamm gave a brief history, as to how the Library Steering Committee was formed, and what work that Committee did to develop what the Engineers will present to the citizens. Mayor Fagot, and Councilman Salem both stated that what they were about to hear from the Engineer, would be for the first time. Mr. Bob Mabrey, representing the Engineering Group, Ciccio Dennell, made a Space Program/Schematic Design Presentation on a proposed Library, to those present. Items discussed were Site Requirements, Building Requirements, Synopsis of NLC's Guidelines, Space Needs, Proposed Space Program, Proposed Design, and the Opinion of Probably Construction Cost. Following Mr. Mabrey's presentation, a Question and Answer Period was held, which included Mayor Fagot asking about funds raised. Councilman Cook stated that

the Fund Drive, which is about to take place, and is anticipated to be substantially complete by the January 13th date, is using a three-year pledge period, like the Thanks-A-Million Campaign did several years ago, and it is anticipated that once those pledges are received, to the extent that some of those pledges are to be delivered over that three-year period, the City would obtain a short-term loan to finance that balance. It is not anticipated that there's going to be any possibility of not obtaining the fund raising goal. It was further asked by Mayor Fagot, that should the money raised be short of the goal, and the bond is passed, what is to be done then? Councilman Cook stated that there will be adequate funds to do this project. Mayor Fagot asked if it was possible to for the City to go out and borrow additional funds, since this is a bondable project. Mr. Wes Lubberstedt stated that the Lexington Foundation has the capabilities of handling this. Councilman Salem inquired about the purpose of taking \$300,000 from the General Fund. Councilman Cook stated that the \$300,000 is available to be used to achieve the balance of the required funding. When the budget was set for the Library earlier, the Council said the \$2.5 Million used in the budget would probably suffice for the structure, but would not be sufficient to cover land acquisition costs. It was then decided by Council to wait until next week to accept the proposal made, as well as, set a date for the Bond Election.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Fagot declared the Meeting adjourned.

John Fagot
Mayor

Shirley Lewis
Deputy City Clerk

I, the undersigned Deputy 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.

Lexington Deputy City Clerk