

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA**

A Special Meeting of the Lexington City Council was held Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at the Lexington Municipal Building, located at 406 East 7th Street, Lexington, Nebraska at 12:00 p.m. Members of the Council present were John Fagot, John Salem, Linda Miller, Dora Vivas, and Jeremy Roberts. City Officials present were City Manager Joe Peplitsch, City Attorney Will Weinhold, Finance Director Barb Hodges, Community Activities Director Ann Luther, and City Clerk Pamela Baruth. The press was represented by Kearney Hub, Lexington Clipper-Herald, and KRVN Radio.

NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was given in advance, thereof by posting in the following locations: Lexington Municipal Building, Dawson County Courthouse, Homestead Bank, Great Western Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Lexington Public Library. 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. Fagot informed the public that the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Meeting Room at the Lexington Municipal Building, located at 406 E. 7th Street, Lexington, Nebraska.

BALLFIELD LIGHTING: Peplitsch discussed lighting system issues at the Optimist Recreation Complex. He gave a history of the lighting system including the replacement of several light poles since 2000. He noted that a recent inspection report indicates that 70% of the poles currently suffer from metal fatigue at the base welds and recommends their removal from service. Options discussed included: working with current vendor to replace the bottom pole sections requiring new anchor bolt foundations at an estimated project cost of \$310,000; or installation of a new system with pre-cast concrete pole foundations, and reduction in total fixtures and improved life cycle cost at an estimated project cost of \$410,000, including a 25 year maintenance program. Discussion included urgency of the project, public safety concerns, operating costs, use of salvaged material, funding mechanisms, technology enhancements, and liability. Following discussion, moved by Miller, seconded by Vivas, that as a public emergency exists that requires immediate action, bidding and advertising requirements are waived and the City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute contracts for the timely acquisition and installation of a replacement lighting system for the Optimist Recreation Complex. Roll call. Voting "aye" were Salem, Roberts, Vivas, Miller, Fagot. Motion carried.

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

John Fagot
Mayor

Pamela Baruth
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.

/s/ Pamela Baruth
City Clerk