

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA**

A Joint Meeting of the Lexington City Council and the Lexington School Board was held Monday, October 10, 2011, at the Grand Generation Center meeting room, located at 407 East 6th Street, Lexington, Nebraska at 5:30 p.m. Members of the Council present were Mayor John Fagot, Steve Tomasek, Joni Bennett, John Salem and Linda Miller. City Officials present were City Manager Joe Peplitsch, Assistant City Manager Dennis Burnside, and Deputy City Clerk Pamela Berke. School board members and staff included Kent Gydesen, Fran Carlson, Rod Reynolds, Jeff Wightman, Cindy Benjamin, Ray Ehlers, Todd Chessmore, Barry McFarland and Bo Berry. The press was represented by the Lexington Clipper-Herald. Also in attendance were Connie Bennett and several public school teachers.

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 Fagot. Fagot informed the public that the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Meeting Room at the Grand Generation Center meeting room, located at 407 East 6th Street, Lexington, Nebraska.

EXISTING JOINT VENTURES:

Peplitsch and Chessmore outlined joint projects/programs that have been completed between the City and the School District, including: middle school auditorium and gymnasium, high school gymnasium, Aquatic Center, Early Learning Academy at the Dawson County Opportunity Center, soccer fields, softball fields, tennis courts, Sandoz green space, and middle school security systems. Both commented on the amiable working relationship between the entities, and believed that joint planning and funding has resulted in effective and responsible local investment in facilities and the delivery of services.

FUTURE DIRECTION:

Council and School Board officials discussed opportunities to collaborate on future projects to maximize the benefits to local residents and improve the community. Chessmore reviewed current School District needs to improve and expand facilities at several school locations and indicated the middle school was a high priority. He also reviewed the current financial resources available to the school district.

The group indicated that facility improvements to meet the student population needs appear evident, and the potential to utilize such upgraded facilities for the benefit of the non-student population of the community exists. It was generally concluded that school district/city collaboration in addressing current and future facility needs is the responsible course of action.

Following discussion, city officials were invited to participate in the school board's building and grounds committee meetings to continue discussions on potential joint project development. It was indicated that a school facility tour is scheduled for the committee's October 14, 2011 meeting at 8:00 a.m.

School Board and City Council members thanked each other for taking the time to meet and discuss these important issues and indicated the desire to hold a joint meeting of the governing boards again in December 2011 to discuss the progress of joint planning efforts that will be completed in the interim.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, School Board President Kent Gydesen declared the meeting adjourned.

John Fagot
Mayor

Pamela Berke
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.

Deputy City Clerk