

ORDINANCE NO. 2346

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; TO DIRECT THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A REPLACEMENT SPORTS LIGHTING SYSTEM AT THE OPTIMIST RECREATION COMPLEX; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

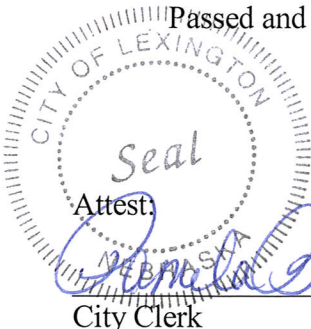
Section 1. That an inspection report of the Sports Lighting System at the Optimist Recreation Complex in Lexington, Nebraska dated February 13, 2014 indicated structural failures at the base welds of 70% of poles and recommends the poles be removed from service; that further metallurgical failure analysis of one of the poles dated March 24, 2014 indicated the pole failed as a result of high cycle reverse bending fatigue that initiated in the pole shaft at the weld toe location; that 40% of the original anchor bolt mounted poles in the system which were procured and installed in the year 2000 and have been replaced with fatigue concerns in the base weld, two of which collapsed causing additional property damage; that there is no further confidence in the structural installation of the current lighting system; that a lighting system is integral in the operation of complex; that the time required for bidding a replacement system will move the installation date into the month of July, when recreational activities at the complex are at their height; that by reason of the foregoing facts an emergency exists calling for immediate action to prevent a serious loss of, or serious injury or damage to, life, health, or property, and that estimates of costs and advertising for bids should be waived.

Section 2. That the requirements of Section 16-321 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes requiring estimate of costs and advertising for bids are hereby waived.

Section 3. That the City Manager is hereby directed to negotiate for the purchase and installation of a replacement lighting system, at the best available price, considering quality, delivery time, and installation time.

Section 4. That an emergency exists, and this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication in pamphlet form.

Passed and approved April 22, 2014.



City Clerk

John H. Fyke

Mayor