

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA**

A Special Meeting of the Lexington City Council was held Thursday, January 29, 1998 at the Lexington Municipal Offices, 406 East 7th Street, Lexington, Nebraska at 7:30 a.m. Members of the Council present were Mayor John Wightman, John Fagot, Neal Kohl, Rick Klamm, Patty Mandelko. City Officials present were City Manager Vance Bricker, City Attorney Willard Weinhold and Assistant City Manager Joe Pepplitsch. Also present were Shirley Lewis, Deputy City Clerk, Dale Holbein and Jerry Frahm. The press was represented by the Tri-City Tribune.

NOTICE:

Notice of the meeting was given in advance, thereof by posting in designated areas such as the Dawson County Courthouse, United Nebraska Bank, Farmers State Bank, Plum Creek Bank, and the Lexington Municipal Building, as shown by the Affidavit of Public Posting 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 Wightman.

**ACTING CLERK
APPOINTMENT:**

At the request of City Attorney Willard Weinhold, Mayor Wightman appointed Shirley Lewis as Acting City Clerk in the absence of City Clerk Leon Malzahn.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT
BIDS:**

Assistant City Manager Joe Pepplitsch reported that he had contact with Wheel Coach regarding the Rescue Unit. The situation they had was, they had met the specs as advertised. As they came back, they started reviewing the specs, and there were a lot of things that were missing from the unit, that the Fire Department felt made it not useful. So the Fire Department gave them a listing of what they thought would be useful and they wanted a price. He did not give them a price since this was changing the type of

unit on which he bid, due to the height of the box, and he would like another opportunity to bid on a different unit. No indication was given on the price. Mr. Pepplitsch stated he thought they could have something by Monday. City Manager Bricker informed the Council that if they were to go with Wheel Coach, the unit would have to be built, and it would take six to eight weeks. The EDM unit is a demo, so it is on hand and is available. The asking price for the EDM unit is \$81,000. Mr. Dale Holbein, representing the Fire Department, addressed the Lexington City Council stating that one of the biggest issues is the head room in the rescue unit. Their existing unit is 69 inches, and the Wheel Coach bid they received is 66 inches, and they are concerned about the drop down inside. If they go with that, they automatically add three to four weeks in production because it is a different unit. The demo unit that is available is 68 inches. After further discussion, moved by Mandelko to reject bids, but authorize negotiations with both bidders up to an \$81,000 lid. Seconded by Klamm. Roll call. Voting "aye" were Fagot, Kohl, Mandelko, Klamm, Wightman. Motion carried.

City Manager Bricker further stated that some of the Council were not aware of the financing arrangements for the rescue unit. They have talked to a company out of Lincoln, and they were available at 5%, plus fees. Mr. Pepplitsch contacted a financing company in Colorado and they were at 5.3% to 5.7%. The local contract was at 5% which would have no fees. They would also like to work with the City on equipment purchases the same way.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

John Wightman
Mayor

Shirley Lewis
Deputy City Clerk

I, the undersigned Acting 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 of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Shirley Lewis

 Lexington Deputy City Clerk