

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE January 13, 2015

The Lewistown City Council met in regular session in the council chambers. Mayor R. John King called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Alderman Ford, Clark, Weese, Barclay, Levingston, Spotloe and Mayor R. John King. Also present: Elmer Littlefield Jr., Wendy Martin from the Fulton Democrat, City Treasurer, Debby Brown, City Clerk, Cindy Goddard, Chief John Werland, Officer Keith Doubet, Officer Josh Atkins and Jake Green.

**MINUTES:**

Alderman Ford made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2014 meeting; Seconded by Alderman Clark, the motion was carried with all ayes.

**CLERKS REPORT:** Nothing to report

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Nothing to report

**BILLS:**

Alderman Barclay made a motion to approve all bills properly endorsed; Seconded by Alderman Spotloe roll call vote, the motion was carried with all ayes. The only bill that was not approved was the Homefield Energy bill; there was a question what it was.

Mayor King contacted Alicia Campbell; she explained the Homefield Energy used to be Ameren Energy, at this time Alderman Clark made motion to pay this bill, seconded by Weese, roll call vote, the motion carried with all ayes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:** None

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** No attorney present.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** No Engineer present.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance – Alderman Ford: Health Insurance update, everything fine.

Sewer – Alderman Weese: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Barclay: Nothing to report.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe: Mayor King thought Chief Werland could hire part-time employee without going in front of city council. King already hired a part-time

Police officer, whom he can, he has already left for PTI. Chief Werland would like Jarred Mathis to be hired as full time after completing PTI. Alderman Levingston would like for the new police offices be introduced to the city council when hired, on next agenda vote to hire Mathis full time. Ron Beebe and Barry Blackwell are both gone as part-time officers, neither one worked any last year, a couple part-timers have only worked a few hours.

Discussion regarding new AED batteries usually having the price of around \$2,500 to \$3,000. Mayor King approved purchase of the AED batteries with the price of \$999.00.

Water – Alderman Levingston: Nothing to report.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Clark: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Clark: Clock tower presentation regarding the clocks being worked on to work again by Alderman Clark. The clocks will have GPS systems, all 4 clocks updated, light up; will ring from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. To get them running, the price will be around \$25,000.00. The County board was wondering if city can use TIF money of \$20,000.00. This subject to be put on agenda next meeting.

Tourism – Mayor King: Nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Spotloe made motion, seconded by Ford to adopt resolution to close Main Street from Avenue L to Milton for Homecoming parade in September, 2015. Roll call vote, motion carried with all ayes.

B. Questioned if the city should submit to different insurance companies proposals for Health insurance bids, Barclay said yes to take bids Weese agreed, all agree.

C. Weese made a motion to approve 2015 holiday vacation days, seconded by Ford, roll call vote, Ford yes, Clark yes, Weese yes, Barclay no, Levingston yes, Spotloe yes, motion carried.

D. Vote on sidewalk at Team Green Fitness – Jake Green owner states that the side walk is a hazard, cracked, breaking up, he would like it removed, a new sidewalk needs to be next to curb. Levingston made a motion to approve a new sidewalk against curb on south side of Team Green Fitness building, seconded by Weese, roll call vote, motion carried with all ayes.

E. Spotloe made a motion to approve to refund 310 W. Euclid Water/sewer charges \$38.50 seconded by Clark, roll call vote, all ayes motion carried.

F. Discuss hiring and firing of police officers already discussed in police committee report.

G. Vote to purchase vacuum jetter truck (cleans out sewers) – Levingston and Dennis Monn along with a couple of others, looked at a used jetter truck to purchase There is \$78,500. in the city street department account. Truck is a 1993 for \$40,000.00; a new truck would be \$300,000.00 to \$400,000.00. The city can sell the old one for around \$6,000.00; this money can be put back into account. Levingston made a motion to approve the purchase of the vacuum jetter truck for the price of \$40,000.00, Barclay seconded it, roll call vote, motion carried with all ayes.

H. Barclay made motion, seconded by Spotloe to go into closed session at 7:30 p.m.

Alderman Ford made motion to go into regular session, seconded by Barclay.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Alderman Ford made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Alderman Barclay motion carried all ayes.

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Cindy Goddard, City Clerk