

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE January 27, 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: Hannah Schrodt from Canton Daily Ledger, Wendy Martin from the Fulton Democrat, City Clerk Cindy Goddard, Chief of Police John Werland, Attorney Nathan Collins, Elmer Littlefield Jr., Roger Clark, Ruth Graham, Randy Mundes, Morgan Lascelles, Justin Lascelles, Billie Simmons, Cassie Stone, Harold E Chasteen, Shiela Vogel and Duke VanMiddlesworth. Absent Debbie Brown, city treasurer.

MINUTES:

Alderman Ford made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting; Seconded by Alderman Barclay, the motion was carried with all ayes.

Alderman Ford made a motion to approve the closed session on January 13, 2015 meeting, seconded by, Barclay motion carried all ayes.

Aldermen also had copy of minutes from the Liquor Commission meeting of January 20, 2015.

CLERKS REPORT: Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nothing to report

BILLS:

Alderman Ford made a motion to approve all bills properly endorsed; Seconded by Alderman Barclay roll call vote, the motion was carried with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:

Duke VanMiddlesworth feels liquor fees to high requested meeting to discuss this matter. Alderman Ford told them a meeting would be scheduled.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Collins nothing to report at this time. Mayor King asked him about lot near his home, trailer door bad, needs cleaned up, and all kinds of animals going in and out and under. Attorney Collins will look into it.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: No Engineer present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderman Ford: Nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderman Weese: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Barclay: Nothing to report.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe: Batteries are in the AED's in the police cars. Ad for needing police officers for the city of Lewistown will be in paper this week. The police department is investigating a dog getting shot by an arrow. The crime lab has the arrow for investigating the incident.

Water – Alderman Levingston stated the new/used vacuum jetter truck sitting outside for everyone see that was purchased by the city for cleaning out sewers.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Clark: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Clark: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Mayor King told the council that the Lewistown Society for Historical Preservation presented a letter regarding plans and needs of the Walker House. Also, the movie for Edgar Lee Masters 100th anniversary should be here soon for the city to view. Eagle Day is February 7, 2015 at The Visitors Center.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vote to approve required easements for Acquisition of private water main at Maple to North Illinois Street. Levingston made motion to approve required easements for Acquisition of a private water main at Maple to North Illinois Street. seconded by Barclay roll call vote, all ayes motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Morgan and Justin Lascelles, rented the house at 612 North IL Street. Moved out while water off because of delinquent water bill. Owner lives out of town he turned all faucets on in the house, when the Lascelles's paid the delinquent water bill the water was turned back on, it ran two weeks before anyone knew water was running; 180,000 gallons of water went thru water and sewer. The person working at City Building told Morgan Lascelles to go to National Bank to pay last payment because they had no change. Place on agenda next meeting (February 10, 2015) to determine who is responsible for the bill.

B. Vote to award TIF funds to Fulton County for Court House clock repair, they are asking for any amount they can get according to Roger Clark, it doesn't have to be \$20,000.00. It is going to cost \$45,000.00 to get clock going, so far donations of \$100.00 in the funds, Judge Bordner checking on donations from judge association. Levingston wants to know if there is a time frame, Alderman Clark suggested put stipulations on time frame and if clock not running yet then the money is returned. Mayor King wants front of Court House exposed again. Ford made motion to give \$5,000 (the usual amount of TIF money given) after the \$20,000.00 is collected seconded by Spotloe, roll call vote, Ford yes, Clark no, Weese yes, Barclay yes, Levingston yes, Spotloe yes.

Liquor Commission recommended PJ's Pub be closed for Super Bowl Weekend due to recent violations, Ruth states no alcohol was sold after hours on New Years Eve, she presented city council with letter. On New Years Eve December 31, 2014, at 3:20 p.m., officers Mathis, Doubet and Adkins (the officers on duty) reported food and alcoholic drinks on the bar; stated they entered the bar at this time and Mendes tried to hide the alcohol. According to Ruth no one was drinking at this time according to Mendes. Alderman Ford made a motion to proceed with the Liquor Commission recommendations to close PJ's Pub on Super Bowl Weekend (January 31, and February 1, 2015, seconded by Barclay to proceed, all ayes motion carried.

Discuss adopting a Smoking Ban Ordinance. Attorney has a copy of an ordinance presented to the council as an example. If Ordinance is in effect than tickets can be issued for violations, ticket can be written to smoker and owner, all public areas (buildings and parks). Shiela Vogel (The Good Spot) questioned since the law states 15 feet from entrance of building then do they have to go into street to smoke, what about alley it is not 15 feet from The Rocket back door? It is State of IL law at this time not to smoke in any public building. Per King look over sample ordinance and discuss put on next agenda or have a special meeting. Ford, against banning smoking in parking lot or park, also police officers already said they do not walk thru each bar. Ford stated not to adopt an ordinance it if not going enforce it. Weese states needs discussed. It can be enforceable if there is a city ordinance. The city ordinance cannot be more restrictive than state law. A committee meeting is scheduled ½ hour before next city council meeting on February 10, 2015. (6:00 p.m.)

Discuss/Vote to approve Stone TIF Façade project at 116 South Adams. The Lewistown TIF money is to improve dilapidated buildings that are in TIF area, Cassie Stone bought the building at 116 South Adams, in December 2013. They have already put \$27,000.00 in the inside. She is asking for \$5,000.00 TIF money to improve outside of building. Barclay motion to approve the \$5,000.00 of TIF money to give to Cassie Stone for the building at 116 South Adams, Ford seconded it, roll call vote, and all ayes motion carried.

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Vote to pass Ordinance Authorizing Loan Agreement for Well Field improvement. This matter to be tabled till next meeting.

Ford wants a revolving vote during council meetings, all agree.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Barclay made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Seconded by Alderman Spotloe motion carried all ayes.

Cindy Goddard, City Clerk