

## LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE August 25, 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, Kelley, Weese, Barclay, Burget, Spotloe and Mayor R. John King. Also present: Wendy Martin from the Fulton Democrat, Larry Eskridge from Canton Daily Ledger, City Treasurer Debby Brown, City Administrator Alicia Campbell, City Clerk Cindy Goddard, Eugene Kenney, Kathy Hahn, Darrell Dunteman, Mike Russell, Phil Baldwin, and Elmer Littlefield Jr.

### MINUTES:

Alderman Ford made a motion to approve the minutes and closed session minutes of the August 11, 2015 meeting, Seconded by Alderman Barclay, the motion carried with all ayes.

**CLERKS REPORT:** Nothing to report.

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

### BILLS:

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

### PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:

Elmer Littlefield Jr. spoke his feelings about the \$50,000.00 TIF money the County is asking for to help improve a building at 260 West Lincoln Avenue, Lewistown, and that it is not bringing in Tax money to put back into the TIF fund, it defeats the purpose of TIF. He feels that TIF money should have been given to the fire department when they asked for it and it was not, before it is given to the County. TIF districts are created for a maximum of 23 years in 11 years the County could apply for another 12 years at that time it could be denied because city had not used the money appropriately. TIF Code section 11-74-14, "pecuniary interest" (conflict of interest) this pertains to Alderman Ford, Kelley and Burget, they all get checks from County so it is a conflict of interest and they should not be allowed to vote on this matter regarding the county.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Nothing to report.

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

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderman Ford: Nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderman Weese: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Burget: Nothing to report. Mayor King stated the front end of the inloader went out. They can purchase a used one for \$4600.00 from Stambaugh's, and the city workers can install it. Roll call vote, motion carried with all ayes to purchase the used front end.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe stated he wants to make sure we get all stuff back from police officers back when they leave the police department.

Water – Alderman Barclay: Nothing to report.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Mayor King: Nothing to report.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Vote on TIF funds for County - Check with TIF attorney to see if ok to give them money and check to see if county employees can or should vote. Table this matter at this time till September 8, 2015 meeting.
- B. Vote on TIF agreement for Rasmussen Blacksmith Museum – Alderman Barclay made a motion for the Rasmussen Blacksmith Museum to get \$40,000.00 from TIF, seconded by Alderman Weese. Alderman Ford would like to spread over it over a 4 year period of time in the amount of \$10,000.00 a year with the approval of bank loans. Make sure all is completed before money is given from TIF fund. Each bank loan is for \$30,000.00 and \$40,000.00 TIF money. Amend first motion; Alderman Barclay made a motion to give \$40,000.00 TIF money to the Rasmussen Blacksmith Museum over a 4 year period in the amount of \$10,000.00 a year, second by Alderman Weese, roll call vote, motion carried with all ayes.
- C. Vote on TIF agreement for 805 S. Main Street – NO vote
- D. Vote on TIF Façade agreement for 501 East Avenue E - Estimate is \$4565 from Jackson Painting. The amount of \$2,200.00 TIF Façade was requested. Alderman Ford made a motion, to give \$2,200.00 to Kevin Bainter for painting the outside of the building at 501 East Avenue E, Lewistown, second by Barclay, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- E. Approve engineer estimate of cost for sidewalk on west side of square –over \$46,250.00 estimate from Keith Plavic. First Mayor King called Mr. Plavic, and then called Dennis Monn, they decided the city workers can take out sidewalk, does half the side walk, then do the other half, and entrance at another time. The

- Handicap part of the sidewalk is around \$9,000.00 each. Need to get lower estimate. Table at this time.
- F. Provide Bio and Picture for City website – Can be as elaborate or simple as you want.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Vote on TIF Agreement for WashZone – Eugene Kenney and Kathy Hahn, purchased 4 years ago. The auto car wash is not any like this in this area; they spent \$120,000 for new one. Equipment at a business does not put money back into the TIF fund. They have estimate of \$5040.00 to add on the building. Attorney suggested do over a couple of years in case deal falls thru. Suggestion of low interest loan (1%) they pay for the work done over the 11 year period, they present receipts and city writes check out same day. Table till next meeting.
- B. Vote on Façade agreement for WashZone - Table till get more information.
- C. Vote on Facade agreement for WashZone (Laundromat) - Table till get more information.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Spotloe made a motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. second by Alderman Ford motion carried all ayes.

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Cindy Goddard, City Clerk