

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE July 14, 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, Weese, Barclay, Burget, and Mayor R. John King. Also present: Wendy Martin from the Fulton Democrat, City Treasurer Debby Brown, City Administrator Alicia Campbell, City Clerk Cindy Goddard, and Elmer Littlefield Jr., John Lund from Fulton County/Lewistown ESDA, Kevin Wiehardt from WIRC, Macomb, and Mike Webb. **ABSENT** were Alderman Kelley and Spotloe.

MINUTES:

Alderman Barclay made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2015 meeting, Seconded by Alderman Weese, the motion carried with all ayes.

Alderman Barclay made a motion to approve the closed session on June 23, 2015 meeting, seconded by Weese, motion carried 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; Second by Alderman Burget, 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: Nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderman Weese: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Burget: Will be discussed in old business.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe: Absent.

Water – Alderman Barclay: Nothing to report.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Absent

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Absent

Tourism – Mayor King: Went to Springfield regarding closing of museums and gave a small speech, he told them in a couple of years if he drives past the weeds will probably be two or three foot tall. To make the decisions they used census figures to close the 5 museums, this will be saving around 4.5 million. The museums will probably never re-open. Dickson Mounds is one of the museums being closed. Mayor is starting a fundraiser to save the Major Newton Walker House.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Vote to vacate easternmost section of West Eisenhower Street. Barclay made a motion to have water redirected to city sewer away from Steve Adams property by Jennifer Smith and has to be OK'd by city before vacated. Ask Attorney Collins about agreement to be drawn up. Table till next meeting.
- B. Alderman Ford made a motion to approve MFT supplemental Resolution & Cost Estimate for \$5000.00, second by Burget, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes
- C. Approve Mefail Mehmedi's TIF agreements for Countryside Family Restaurant at 948 South Main Street. Mr. Mehmedi would like \$35,000.00. Discussed giving him \$18,000.00 TIF money and (percentage) ½ of increase of taxes as rebate over life of TIF. Motion made by Alderman Ford to give Mefail Mehmedi for 948 South Main Street Lewistown \$18,000.00 TIF money and ½ of increase of taxes as rebate over life of TIF, second Barclay, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- D. Vote on contribution for Health Insurance Deductible. Health Insurance plan has a deductible of \$3,000.00. Alderman Burget suggested lowering the amount the employees have to pay on deductible by using the money in the Health Insurance Fund. Other alderman stated that would not be fair to the employees that do not use the insurance. No motion made. Table till next meeting.
- E. Vote on surveillance camera for City dump. The price of a camera and DVR is \$250.00 to place at the City Dump to record 24 hours a day to catch illegal dumping and burning. Alderman Weese made motion to purchase the camera and a sign if needed for the City Dump, second by Burget, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- F. Motion was made by Alderman Barclay to sell the recycling trailer or take to Hitchcock Scrap yard, seconded by Weese, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- G. Motion was made by Alderman Barclay to adopt Personnel Policy Resolution, second by Burget, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

Alicia to call Juell Bucy to find out about a drain in a field near Alderman Ford's house.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Alderman Barclay made a motion to adopt Annual Appropriation Ordinance, second by Weese, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes
- B. Approve Codification of Ordinance (Book & Online). Alicia received two quotes one by Code Publishing for \$250.00 per year. It will be supplement maintenance and internet hosting, includes creation of HTML files and internet hosting, editorial, printing and shipping of Ordinance book. It will be available on the City web site. The other estimate was \$500.00 set up fee and \$495.00 a year. Alderman Ford made a motion to approve the quote from Code Publishing for Codification of Ordinance (Book & Online) for \$250.00 a year, second by Burget, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- C. Adopt CDBG Disaster Recovery Resolution of Support. Kevin Wiehardt of the Western Illinois Regional Council, the agency the city has chosen to prepare the grant in relation to the disaster declaration for the 2013 flooding, was asked to give a brief overview of he program prior to consideration of the resolution of support. **Mr. Wiehardt** explained that the city is submitting a CDBG Disaster Recovery Public Infrastructure grant application to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a **water source improvement** project.

Wiehardt briefly described the special funding as follows:

Eligibility

1. The project must be in relation to a storm event for 2013 and in a federally declared disaster county
2. The application period opened on June 4th and funding is available on a first come-first served basis
3. Projects must be completed and funds spent by June 30, 2016
4. Projects must meet one of three national objectives and **Lewistown** meets the objective of benefiting low to moderate income persons at a minimum of 51% as its benefit is **63.91%** according to the community-wide income.

Total funds available are \$10 million with an application ceiling of \$600,000 with no match requirement. The funding priority is for water/sewer systems, storm drainage systems, levee systems, and road and bridges. **The city will be applying for \$600,000 which includes engineering, construction and grant administration.**

There is a seven day public comment period as a requirement of the grant. The public comment notice was posted on **June 30th, 2015 at the Lewistown City Hall, 119 South Adams Street; Lewistown Visitor's Center, 222 South Main Street;**

Lewistown Park District Office, 1203 North Broadway; and the Fulton County Courthouse, 100 South Main Street, Lewistown, Illinois. Comments were to have been received by July 10th. There were no comments received.

Wiehardt asked if there were any questions or comments.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Wiehardt and asked for consideration of the Resolution of Support to proceed with application submission. A motion was made by Alderman Ford and a second by Alderman Barclay to approve the resolution of support and proceed with the application preparation and submission. Motion carried with roll call vote.

D. Discuss TIF agreement for Fulton County which is purchasing American Legion Building, paying \$40,000.00. The estimate to make building handicap accessible is over \$100,000.00. They are asking for TIF money of ½ . The count needs to get another estimate before decision made. Table till next meeting.

E. Alderman Ford made a motion to Adopt IL State Museums Resolution of Support, second by Alderman Barclay; roll call vote motion carried all ayes.

F. Approve purchase of two handheld devices for water meter reading. Need new ones, old ones are malfunctioning once in a while, loosing readings. The price to replace existing devices is \$1,395.00 a piece. The money to be taken out of water fund for meter readers. There are several meters that are dead or dying and need changed. Motion made by Barclay to purchase two new handheld meter reading handheld devices, second by Burget, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

G. Closed Session – Personnel

Alderman Barclay made a motion to go into closed session, at 8:25 p.m. second by Burget. Doors closed.

Barclay made motion to resume regular session, second by Weese. Doors opened.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Barclay made a motion to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Second by Alderman Weese motion carried all ayes.

Cindy Goddard, City Clerk