

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE November 22, 2016

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: Aldermen Ford, Kelley, Weese, Barclay, Burget, and Mayor R. John King. Also present: City Clerk Cindy Goddard, Elmer Littlefield Jr., Cindy Havens, Joy Hagaman, Ron Wardell, John Wardell, Leigh Wardell, Rick Bishop, Jason Goldring, Melissa Goldring and Mike Russell. **ABSENT:** Alderman Spotloe, City Administrator Amanda Woodruff, and City Treasurer Debbie Brown

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor King

MINUTES:

Alderman Barclay made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2016 meeting, Seconded by Alderman Weese, the motion carried with all ayes.

CLERKS REPORT: Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer absent.

BILLS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS: None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. 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 nothing to report, Alderman Ford stated that she wanted to thank the city workers for fixing sidewalk by Railroad Tracks. Alderman Burget wanted to know if the bump was still on Broadway. The Mayor responded with a yes.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe: Absent.

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Water – Alderman Barclay: Nothing to report. Mayor King said that he was told another well going down.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Mayor King: Nothing to report, but stated there is there is a free dinner on Thanksgiving from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Visitors Center.

Eric Williams, city policeman arrived to the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Parking on North Main Street needs amendment. Ron Wardell needs at least three parking spots according to Alderman Burget. Someone needs to measure to put them near his business, or allow 15 minute parking per Alderman Barclay. Pulling out on Main Street is the major problem. Joy Hagaman stated she does not want to hurt the business, they can't see either way on Main when pulling out. She stated if it is a junk yard then Ron needs a junk yard license. An employee's truck of Ron Wardell is blocking the view; it is parking in front of Lawver's everyday. Leigh Wardell stated that the city is always causing problems for Ron at every business he has had, has a fence now, everyone is making him go in debt. She also stated he has a repair shop that requires cars. Alderman Barclay stated that Ron has been asked many times to keep cars off street with the parking issues and clean up property, also wants to know about all the tires out front. Alderman Burget said he tows for county (DUI) so he has these cars for over 30 days. Joy Hagaman wants to know who is responsible when someone gets hit. Suggested maybe have employees park down the street or on side road, not on Main Street. Mrs. Hagaman said it is a safety thing. Wants the city to protect the neighborhood, the city is supposed to serve and protect. Jason Goldring said there is a grey truck that parks in front of their house. Alderman Kelley wants to know if 1 hour is enough time to allow for inspection of a vehicle or a delivery to the business. Per Officer Williams it some times takes 6 to 8 weeks to get possession of vehicle (title). Alderman Barclay made a motion to amend the ordinance regarding parking on North Main Street allowing 15 minute parking, seconded by Weese, roll call vote, Alderman Ford yes, Kelley NO, Weese yes, Barclay yes, Burget NO, motion carried with three yes's and two no's.
2. Discuss Car Repair Shops – Chief Werland absent so no discussion regarding the other car repair shops.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Vote to allow Christmas trees in Porter Park from December 1 to January 1 - Alderman Barclay made a motion to allow the Christmas trees in Porter Park from December 1 to January 1, seconded by Kelley motion carried, all ayes.
2. Approve Tree Bid Removal one on Broadway and 2 trees on corner of South Illinois Street and East Avenue B. One bid is from Advanced Tree Service (\$800.00) and one from Big Jims Tree Service (\$1200.00). Motion made by Alderman Weese to approve Advance Tree Service to remove trees with the charge of \$800.00, seconded by Burget, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
3. Closed Session – None
4. Appoint new Water/Zoning Clerk- Mayor King appointed Cindy Havens new Water/Zoning Clerk; she is qualified to do the job and help Amanda. Alderman Barclay made a motion to approve hiring Cindy Havens as new Water/Zoning Clerk, seconded by Ford, motion carried all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Barclay made a motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.; Seconded by Alderman Weese, motion carried all ayes.

Cindy Goddard, City Clerk