

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE August 8, 2017

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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Aldermen Clark, Kelley, Weese, Hough, Burget, Spotloe and Mayor Littlefield. Also present: Wendy Martin from the Fulton Democrat, Larry Eskridge from Canton Daily Ledger, City Treasurer Debbie Brown, City Administrator Amanda Woodruff, City Clerk Cindy Goddard, John Werland, Chief of Police, Attorney Nathan Collins, Gary Shawgo, Public Works Director. Also present, Jute Chambers, Christy Littlefield, and Reba Ford.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Littlefield.

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard.

Alderman Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 2017, second by Alderman Burget roll call vote, the motion carried all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown. Nothing new to report.

Aldermen have treasurer's report. Alderman Weese made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, second by Alderman Clark roll call vote, the motion carried all ayes.

BILLS:

Alderman Clark 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:

Reba Ford, had questions regarding burning inside city limits. Last week Fair Board members was burning livestock leftovers and straw from the fair. Ms. Ford said tonight when riding bike she went past two properties that were burning. At the Beaird property there was burning and smoldering all night, she can't have windows open. Some are burning yard waste, some garbage. Burn ordinance says 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m. per Alderman Spotloe. She said ordinance is only as good as they are when enforced. Per Alderman Spotloe ordinance states the people burning have to be present when burning and have water source to put it out. Mayor and Chief said it will be checked on more.

Jute Chambers would like to thank the councilman for new stop sign on West Euclid and city is really coming around with the new intersection and clock.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. Nothing to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Keith Plavec. No Engineer present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderman Clark: Nothing to report. Amanda Woodruff said the audit has been scheduled for September.

Sewer – Alderman Burget: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Hough: People complaining about weeds on sidewalks and streets and wanted to know if a commercial business could spray. Mayor said the city workers should be weed eating, maybe Rick McBride since he is going to work part time he could do some weed eating.

Alderman Clark said cars are running the stop sign on Macarthur.

Gary Shawgo and Amanda Woodruff are working on ordering t-shirts that match for the public works department because of hiring new workers. The reason for shirts is because people do not know they are employees of the city. They will be safety green with Lewistown Public Works written on them to identify the employees.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe: Ad in paper for new officer applications due 8-9-17.

Water – Alderman Weese: Nothing to report. According to the Mayor there is an ad in the paper for a part time person with a C license, and a number 2 License. Actually need 2 people with these. Evinn Palmer hopefully will get his C License and waste water later. Gary said they need to purchase a sludge pump, he was told to get prices for next meeting.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Mayor Littlefield: Nothing new to report. It will be the last Music in the Park for this year on Thursday. Also there will be a grand opening for Rasmussen Black Smith Shop and Museum on Saturday August 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Vote to close West Euclid between Main and Adams for Glen Hillig Poker Run on September 9, 2017. Motion made by Alderman Burget to close West Euclid between Main and Adams for the Glen Hillig Poker Run on September 9, 2017, second by Alderman Spotloe, roll call vote motion carried with all eyes. Reba Ford wanted to make sure there will be a couple of barricades for the street.

- B. Carissa Sutphen (arrived 6:58) with Prairie View Care Center, address council about gravel drive that runs from Sycamore Drive to South Illinois Street. Ms Sutphen asked if city can gravel or do something with the gravel drive behind Prairie View Care Center. Mayor Littlefield stated that it is private property. He looked it up with secretary of state to who owns it. This is a private property and is FOR profit. State statute says that a municipality does not do work on private property. Carissa said they have allowed the city to park equipment there before and the police officers park along there. Then if no help with grading the road, can they get signs for NO driving thru. The Mayor told her since it is private property they can put up any sign they want to but the city is not going to take care of the drive.
- C. Approve Water and Sewer Taps for Doug Lafary, 506 West Avenue D. – Motion made by Alderman Burget to approve water and sewer taps for Doug Lafary at 506 West Avenue D, second by Kelley, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- D. Approve 10' Easement for Ameren IL to install gas lines in alley North of City Hall. This won't take place till next year. Whole city will be done from low pressure to medium pressure. Motion made by Alderman Burget to approve 10' Easement for Ameren IL to install gas lines in alley North of City Hall, second by Spotloe, roll call vote motion carried all ayes.
- E. Approve Ordinance related to Sale or Disposal of Personal Property - Attorney Collins said that specific items need to be listed. Motion made by Kelley to approve Ordinance related to Sale and Disposal of Personal Property owned by the city of Lewistown, Illinois, second by Clark roll call vote, motion carried all ayes. Alderman Burget asked if could amend later if needed. Attorney said no, they will make another ordinance with attachment on it.
- F. Approve Purchase of Utility Trailer. The city needs a utility trailer to haul things such as mowers. The present trailer has no title or license and belonged to Dennis Monn. Motion made by Alderman Spotloe, second by Burget to purchase a 3500 pound utility trailer, roll call vote, motion carried with all ayes.
- G. Adopt 2017 Resolution for Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance. Motion by Alderman Weese to adopt 2017 Resolution for Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance, second by Alderman Spotloe, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- H. Approve 2017 MFT Estimate of Maintenance Cost. Motion by Alderman Spotloe to approve 2017 Motor Fuel Tax Estimate of Maintenance Cost, second by Alderman Clark roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- I. Approve 2017 Engineering Agreement for MFT. Motion by Alderman Spotloe to approve 2017 Engineering Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax, second by Alderman Burget, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- J. Approve 2017 MFT Seal Coat Proposal to send out for Bid. Gary Shawgo has taken a section of the city to be Seal Coated; he is working with Maurer-Stutz to stay within budget. Motion made by Alderman Spotloe to approve 2017 Motor Fuel Tax Seal Coat Proposal to send out for bid, second by Alderman Burget, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

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- K. Closed Session – Approve June 27, 2017 Closed Session Minutes. No closed session motion made by Alderman Hough, second by Alderman Clark, motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Clark made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.; Second by Alderman Spotloe motion carried all ayes.

Cindy Goddard, City Clerk