

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE June 27, 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, Hough, Burget, and Mayor Elmer 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, Larry DeMotte, Gary Shawgo, Keith Plavec, Ed Riley, Doug Groth, Ron Wardell, Peggy Wardell, Kate Arnett, Eric Williams, police officer. Roger Clark, Nick Halbert, **ABSENT:** Debbie Brown city treasurer, Alderman Roger Weese and Alderman John Spotloe.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Elmer Littlefield

CLERKS REPORT if any and APPROVE MINUTES:

Alderman Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13 meeting, Seconded by Alderman Burget, the motion carried with all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown. Absent

BILLS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:

- A. Kate Arnett with Illinois Citizens for Clean Air & Water concerning Bear Creek Genetics Water Tap wanted to know why is Bear Creek wanting to buy water if they have a well? Did they present all the paper work they need to get the tap? Concerned that no one will want to live or move out to that area. She stated that the property value will go down and she believes this is like a black mail situation since they could file charges against city if not allowed to tap into water line.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. Nothing at this time.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Keith Plavec. Nothing at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderman Clark: Nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderman Burget: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Hough: He stated that Hulsey street work is completed. Taking care of ditch work, and Chasteen area work is getting completed, along with other streets.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe: Absent. Eric Williams, police officer stated that the patrol rifles are in the squad cars and they are still waiting on some other equipment and paper work.

Water – Alderman Weese: Absent.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Mayor Littlefield: Nothing new to report. He made the comment that the music in the park is a success and that Karen King doing a great job.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Discuss and Approve Water Tap Application for Bear Creek Genetics - Attorney Nathan Collins and Keith Plavec are present. Keith Plavec verified that all correct paper work has been turned in. Keith went thru ordinance to make sure all is presented and reviewed it all. Bear Creek 2 and Bear Creek 3 is also being supplied water from another source besides a well. City has an over capacity to give them water. Even if 2 wells went down the city would still have plenty of water. According to Mayor Littlefield Willow Brook Village got sued for not allowing water to someone. The 14 amendment says we can't pick and choose who is allowed water. (Federal Government). Bear Creek is going to pay for everything to have 700 feet of water line put in. It will be going towards Milton Street. Mayor asked if all four councilmen were comfortable voting since two were missing. Burget asked if pre annexing agreement yet, Nathan said not till after water tap is voted on. Mayor suggested that anyone using over 30,000 would have a separate charge, will be discussed later. Burget asked Dr. Groff why wanting to tap into the water. He said for a back-up system and quality water for his livestock. Clark asked Dr. Groff if using only the well at this time, he said yes. This has to be voted on to be legal. Approval of tap would be after contract drawn up and signed. Burget asked if on the average if lost two wells would be ok. Fair grounds pumps are the weakest at this time, they have a backup one already purchased. There is three days of storage sitting in town water towers. Burget wanted to know if an emergency plan is in effect if not the wants to get one in effect. He was told that if there is an emergency, then an emergency meeting would take place to place and a limit of water usage would be put in effect at that time. Everyone taped into the water would be affected per Attorney

Collins. Alderman Kelley said he has been against Bear Creek Genetics the whole time, but it is here no matter what we say, it is already built. Motion made by Alderman Hough to approve the water tap application from Bear Creek Genetics, seconded by Alderman Burget. Roll call vote Clark no, Kelley yes, Hough yes, Burget yes, and Mayor yes, motion carried.

- B. Discuss and Approve Halbert Apartment #3 TIF Application – Nick Halbet presented proposal from Decker Construction for \$5,150.00. Mayor asked if this is the last one, he said yes. Motion by Alderman Burget, to approve grant for \$5,000.00 for material, second by Kelley, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- C. Discuss and Approve Advisory Budget – Amanda Woodruff has updated it, it is complete now with all numbers. According to Alderman Hough some roads are to high already should not oil and chip them. Per Mayor if no budget by state, then Intersection work at stop lights will stop and no roads will be oiled and chipped. Water tower payment of \$40,000.00 will be available to allocate in a couple of years according to Amanda. Motion made by Alderman Burget, second by Clark, to approve Advisory Budget, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve Tax Abatement Ordinance for General Obligation Bonds. (for cemetery wall) Motion made by Alderman Burget, second by Clark, to approve Tax Abatement Ordinance for General Obligation Bonds, roll call vote, motion carried with all ayes.
- B. Adopt Resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code for payment of US 24/IL 97/IL 100 project out of Motor Fuel Tax Funds. Motion by Alderman Kelley, second by Burget to adopt resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code for payment of US24/IL97/IL100 project out of Motor Fuel Tax Funds, roll call vote, motion carried with all ayes.
- C. Approve Audit Engagement Letter with CliftonLarsonAllen. May need a single audit because of well field funding. They charge around \$20,000.00. Motion made by Alderman Burget, second by Clark to approve CliftonLarsonAllen as city auditors, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- D. Closed Session - Approve May 23, 2017 Closed Session Minutes, Personnel-. Motion made by Alderman Burget, second by Kelley to go into closed session. Door closed at 7:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Kelley made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Seconded by Alderman Burget motion carried all ayes.