

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE May 9, 2017

The Lewistown City Council met in regular session in the council chambers. City Clerk Cindy Goddard called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Cindy Goddard asked for an Alderman to make a motion for someone to run the meeting. Motion made by Alderman Burget for Alderman Spotloe to run the meeting.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Aldermen Kelley, Weese, Burget, and Spotloe. 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, Eric Williams, police officer, Josh Adkins, Elmer Littlefield Jr., Evinn Palmer, Roger Clark, Jim Tunney, Sally Clark, Richard Hough, Larry Ward, Cathy Aldana, Doug Groth, Lynda Kalman, Trudy Gardner, Kim Pascal, Ron Lawver, Christy Littlefield, Ron Wardell, Courtney Wardell, Peggy Wardell, Tara Pratt Ward, Ron Ward, Phillip Solzan, Deborah L. Carpenter, Jennifer L. Cooper, Harold E. Chasteen, and Dave Helle, **ABSENT:** Mayor John King, Alderman Ford and Barclay.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Alderman Spotloe

MINUTES:

Alderman Weese made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017 meeting, Seconded by Alderman Kelley, 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; Seconded by Alderman Burget roll call vote, the motion carried with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS: Elmer Littlefield wanted to make sure that in the old business it was discussed regarding the purchase of handguns by the police department.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. No attorney present.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderman Ford: Absent, all aldermen had the budget report and treasurer's report to look at.

Sewer – Alderman Weese: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Burget: Nothing to report, he asked Evinn Palmer if anything to report, he said nothing at this time.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe: According to Chief Werland the Safety net books are in to give to kids before school is out for summer program regarding bike safety.

Water – Alderman Barclay: Absent. Evinn Palmer said everything OK with water.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Mayor King: Absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. IRS Liability Update – State of Illinois received packets but they have not assigned anyone to city case yet. They need to verify the credit on the account. The letter to the IRS is finished to send to them requesting \$80,858.58 to be returned. The city will probably only get portion back with no interest.
2. Discuss and Approve Police Department purchase of Patrol Rifle Modification Kits. – Chief Werland said the prior guns are loaned to them. He was questioned why they need the kits for the rifles, they are needed for going into buildings at night for the optics and lights. Total cost \$1660.00. Police department has the money in their budget. Chief Werland said they need to be prepared for an emergency. Josh Adkins and Cody Johnson are active shooters. Alderman Kelly made motion to approve the purchase of the Patrol Rifle Modification Kits, Alderman Weese seconded it roll call vote, motion carried with all ayes.
3. Discuss and Approve Police Department purchase of Glock 21 Handguns – Elmer Littlefield does not agree on the purchases. He stated a lot of Departments don't give out revolvers, there are some policemen that don't like revolvers, and they prefer their own. Maybe should take a little money out of each check to pay for each individual gun for a new recruit; mainly because they don't stay with city. Most new recruits already have their own revolver. The new budget is being created at this time; it is a new fiscal year. Table at this time to see how the budget is.

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4. Discuss and Approve Pratt Furniture Inc. Redevelopment Agreement – Alderman Burget made a motion to approve Pratt Furniture Inc. Redevelopment Agreement, seconded by Kelley, roll call vote, motion carried with all ayes
5. Approve Ordinance for Pratt Furniture Inc. Redevelopment Agreement - Alderman Kelley made a motion to approve Ordinance for Pratt Furniture Inc. Redevelopment Agreement, seconded by Burget roll call vote, motion carried all ayes. .

Motion to suspend further business. Alderman Kelley made a motion to suspend further business, seconded by Burget, motion carried.

City Clerk: Oath of Office to Mayor Elmer Littlefield.

Mayor Elmer Littlefield gave Oath of Office to City Clerk, Cindy Goddard.

Motion to Adjourn Sine Die – Alderman Weese made a motion to Adjourn Sine Die, seconded by Kelley, motion carried.

City Clerk, Cindy Goddard to gave Oath of Office to Treasurer, Debbie Brown; Alderman, Sally Clark; and Alderman John Spotloe.

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Public Comments and Petitions: Comment by Doug Groth, regarding water tap, it is on agenda under New Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss and Approve Appointment of Richard Hough as Alderman of Ward 2: Richard Hough was interviewed by Mayor Littlefield at an earlier time, he has 30 years with IDOT, now retired, could help with public works, this is the reason Richard was picked. Alderman Burget made a motion to appoint Richard Hough as Alderman of Ward 2, seconded by Clark, roll call vote, motion carried all

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eyes. City Clerk Cindy Goddard gave Oath of Office to Richard Hough as Alderman of Ward 2

2. Discuss and Approve Whitsitt DBA AC Beer and Bait Redevelopment Agreement – Alderman Spotloe made a motion to approve Whitsitt DBA AC Beer and Bait Redevelopment Agreement, seconded by Burget, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
3. Approve Ordinance for Whitsitt DBA AC Beer and Bait Redevelopment Ordinance - Alderman Spotloe made a motion to approve Ordinance for Whitsitt DBA AC Beer and Bait Redevelopment, seconded by Burget, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
4. Discuss and Approve Façade Grant Application for Terrill Title – Jeremy Bensen has his business presently on Main Street wants to move to a building on the square. He is requesting Façade Grant to fix building. Asking for \$5,000.00, everything is in the packet that is needed to approve it. Alderman Spotloe made a motion to approve the Façade Grant for \$5,000.00 to Jeremy Bensen of Terrill Title, seconded by Burget, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
5. Approve Closure of Eisenhower Street from Main Street to Maple Street on May 20th for Freida Braden Auction. – Alderman Weese made a motion to approve closure of Eisenhower Street from Main Street to Maple Street on May 20th for Freida Braden Auction, seconded by Spotloe, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
6. Discuss placement of Yield Signs at intersection of Cedar and Macarthur –This was discussed in the past but never approved. At this time East on Macarthur and on Cedar cars does not stop. There was a recent wreck, Mayor suggest a stop sign instead of Yield Sign. Chief Werland said stop sign would be safest. Need ordinance for this. Table till next meeting for ordinance approval.
7. Discuss Water Tap Application of Bear Creek Genetics – Doug Groth didn't get this last fall when he asked for it, they need a line extension off of main line. They will pay for all work to be done. They will own tap only, not the line. Mayor Littlefield said he feels no reason they can't have it. Want to make sure have enough pressure and enough water. This would help flush lines since it is close to the end of the line. We have one rate for out of town business users, but a lot of extra wear on tear our water lines. Maybe have to increase rates. Bear Creek Genetics may be using around 2,0000? gallons a day. Helana uses around 400,000 a month during the summer according to Amanda Woodruff. Table at this time.
8. Closed Session – Approve March 28th Closed Session Minutes, Personnel – Alderman Clark made a motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by Kelley.

Closed doors at 7:20 p.m.

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Doors opened back up for regular session at 8:31 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Spotloe made a motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.; Seconded by Alderman Kelley motion carried all ayes.

Cindy Goddard, City Clerk