

LEWISTOWN ETHIC'S COMMITTEE
November 21, 2019

The Lewistown Ethic's Committee met in at City Hall in the Council Chambers with Liquor Commissioner Elmer Littlefield Jr. calling the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Alderman Sally Clark, Alderman Kendall Miller, Kevin Delmastro, Linda Helle, Mayor Elmer Littlefield, City Clerk Cindy Goddard, Attorney Nathan Collins, Also present Deb Brown, and Jayson Herrick.

Mayor received letter from Ethic's committee that he had violated an ordinance.

Mayor Littlefield Liquor Commissioner recused himself.

Motion by Alderman Sally Clark, second by Linda Helle to appoint Alderman Kendall Miller as acting commissioner for this meeting only.

Sally Clark asked why this could not be a closed meeting. Attorney Collins asked if everyone received the folder he prepared. Yes they did and it explains why this cannot be a closed meeting. Attorney Collins stated that everything tonight is to the best of his knowledge.

Attorney Collins explained that this commission cannot expel anyone from office. They have the ability to make recommendation to the ultimate jurisdictional authority that is the City Council section 33.28. Attorney went thru a few items in the folder handed out. Mapleton was sanctioned similar to this focused sighted the incorrect exception they did not have the authority to remove the person they were talking about. They violated the act. 2C3 says meeting cannot be closed.

New Business:

Copy of letter was given to Attorney Collins. Possible violation of 33.34 article D. Ethic's committee read thru the article. Kendall Miller asked attorney if saw any violations by the Mayor. He believes that campaign contributions are exempt not to be considered a gift. In general it is while an employee in on the clock. One example Kendall Miller said how you determine what the Mayor's hours are. There is no way to specify the hours for the Alderman or the Mayor.

31.22 duties of the Mayor read by Attorney Collins. Nothing states the hours.

Sally questioned again and stated that she was told that he went to their place of business and handed them cash. Cannot prove anything.

Kendall told them it is up to the Ethic's Committee to determine what they want to do next. They can go to Attorney General if they want and take proof.

Decide whether if complaint is enough to take back to council. If no basis to believe a complaint constitutes a violation then the complaint should be dismissed.


Kendall Miller suggests taking advice of City Attorney.

Sally Clark states that the people that accepted the money are good people and she feels that the Mayor was trying to use these people to his advantage and to get who he wanted on the council.

Linda Helle says she does not feel that the four on the liquor commission should be the ones determining the decision here. Says let the people decide at the next election.

Motion by Linda Helle to dismiss complaint, second by Kevin Delmastro, roll call vote Sally Clark, no, Linda Helle, yes, Kevin Delmastro yes, Kendall Miller yes.

Adjourn at 6:50 p.m. motion by Linda Helle, second by Kevin Delmastro.


City Clerk, Cindy Goddard