

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE January 26, 2021

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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Alderperson Sally Clark, Trever Kelley, Doug Lafary, Kendall Miller, Kim Pascal, and Mayor Elmer Littlefield. **Also Present:** City Clerk Cindy Goddard, Treasurer Debbie Brown (Zoom), Public Works Director Evin Palmer. **ABSENT:** Alderman John Spotloe.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Elmer Littlefield Jr.

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard. Nothing to report.

Alderperson Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2020, second by Alderperson Pascal roll call vote, motion carried all ayes but Alderman Kelley said present.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown. Everyone has a treasurer's report to review.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

Alderperson Kelley made a motion to approve all bills properly endorsed; Second by Alderperson Clark roll call vote, the motion carried all ayes.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. Absent.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Keith Plavec. Did not attend.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS: Alderman Miller had someone ask him about properties that need demolished. One house has tree growing through it. He told them we have a list of properties that the city mows and cannot collect from them. They were concerned about houses that are getting bad and are just sitting. Not sure what to tell them, need to figure out something, we need a list. Alderperson Clark also mentioned there were a couple on Main Street that are bad.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderperson Clark: Nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderperson Spotloe: Absent.

Street & Alley – Alderperson Miller: Good job on streets with the recent storm, excellent job salting.

Police/ESDA – Alderperson Lafary: Nothing to report.

Water – Mayor Littlefield: Nothing at this time.

Utilities/Publications – Alderperson Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings & Grounds – Alderperson Kelley: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Alderperson Pascal: Stated that she attended the Neighborhood Watch Group meeting, wanted to know if city could purchase cameras to put around town, or can anything be done? Asked if any extra money, maybe in the Police account. Per Mayor a lot of people are putting up their own cameras.

WORKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Evinn Palmer this past month have been working on residential meters, had a spike in unaccounted for water, had a person come from Illinois Rural Water (Evan Jones) with a detector, they found a couple of leaks, they were fixed, that helped the numbers go down. One leak was going directly to the sewer couldn’t see it above ground. Checked fire hydrants also. The detector definitely helped find the leaks. Since the city has a membership with IRW it did not cost.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:


1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve Coe Equipment, Inc., quote for \$1,886.00 for a hose for the vac truck – Evinn Palmer explained they use the vac truck for multiple things, such as jetting sewers and culverts, this is vital on the truck. It is a ¾ by 600-foot hose. Motion by Alderperson Clark to approve the purchase of the hose from Coe Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$1,886.00, second by Alderman Miller, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
2. Discuss/Approve the payment of Personal Property Replacement tax for the Lewistown Carnegie Public Library in the amount of \$6,704.79 – Mayor Littlefield explained this is every year. It is 19.6% of the Personal Property Replacement Taxes the Lewistown Township and the City received from the state. Lewistown’s portion went into effect in 1977, since the library did not receive this tax money anymore 19.6% was requested by them to receive this tax money from the township and the city each fiscal year. The total is \$6,704.79. Motion by Alderman Miller to pay the library \$6,704.79 for the Personal Property Replacement tax, second by Alderperson Clark, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderperson Clark made a motion to adjourn at 6:46 p.m.; Second by Alderperson Miller motion carried all ayes.


Cindy Goddard, City Clerk