

**BID OPENING FOR REMAINDER OF WATER METER LOAN**  
**Tuesday August 24, 2021**  
**Lewistown City Hall, 6:15 p.m.**

Mayor Lafary opened sealed bids one at a time and read them:

Ipava State Bank - 1.74% fixed rate  
MidAmerica National Bank – 2.05% fixed rate  
Prairie State Bank & Trust – 1.96% fixed rate  
Havana National Bank – 1.75% fixed rate

**LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**DATE August 24, 2021**

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

Invocation

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Alderperson Sally Clark, Brad Ward, Kendall Miller, Kim Pascal, John Spotloe and Mayor Doug Lafary. Also present: City Clerk Cindy Goddard, Public Works Director Evinn Palmer, and City Attorney Nathan Collins.  
**ABSENT:** Alderperson Trever Kelley and Treasurer Deb Brown.

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM** by Mayor Doug Lafary

**CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES:** Cindy Goddard.

Mayor Lafary gave the census update, the 2010 population was 2384, the 2020 population is 2041 down 343.

Alderperson Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of August 10, 2021, second by Alderperson Spotloe, the motion carried all ayes.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Debbie Brown. Absent

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

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:** Keith Plavec. No Engineer present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:** Kathy Brown with the U of I Extension office explaining “Back 2 Business Grants” this is a State of Illinois program. A small business owner only needs basic info to apply. Much simpler than previous grants. Starting August 18, 2021 applications will be accepted. It can be a Profit or Non-profit business with a 2019 loss. From \$5,000.00 to \$150,000.00 grants (does not need to be paid back) to cover operations, staff, and overhead costs. She can be contacted if need

help filling out. Can schedule appointment and they will come to City Hall for those that need help. This is the whole state of Illinois. Top priority if didn't receive other grants than hopefully get this. Cindy Goddard stated that none of our local restaurants received money previously. They can also check on status if someone needs that done after the application is sent in. Will also be at Countryside on Thursday at 12:00 at the Chamber meeting.

Jason Herrick addressing council regarding how American Water company has a water insurance plan. Contacted some aldermen and some residents. Maybe good idea for Lewistown that has around 1100 hook ups. This may help pay for another employee to check fire hydrants when not working on water leaks. Put out as totally optional. Maybe \$5.00 added on each water bill every month. Everyone he talked to about it was for it.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Finance/Insurance/Zoning – Alderperson Clark Chairperson:** Nothing to report.

**Sewer – Alderperson Spotloe Chairman:** Nothing to report.

**Street & Alley – Alderperson Miller Chairman:** Nothing to report.

**Police/ESDA – Alderperson Ward Chairman:** Nothing to report.

**Water – Alderperson Miller Chairman:** Nothing new to report but wants to bring to everyone's attention that there is a lot of the work behind the scenes by the employees in a small community and it is amazing how good of job they do at keeping things going. Mayor Lafary stated that these guys care tremendously about our water, it is an old system that needs flushed and this stirs things up causing discolored water.

**Utilities/Publications – Alderperson Kelley Chairman:** Absent.

**Public Buildings and Grounds – Alderperson Kelley Chairman:** Absent. Alderperson Clark wants to praise Sara Bainter, she is doing a wonderful job with the flowers. She takes a lot of pride in her job.

**Tourism – Alderman Pascal Chairperson:** Nothing new to report. Mayor Lafary said Music in the Park is over for the season. There may be a celebration in October at the VFW, similar to Octoberfest.

**Tax Increment Financing – Alderperson Spotloe Chairman:** Nothing to report.

**Citizens Committee – Amanda Smith:** Action plan from June 2012 attached. Yard of the month still going on. Did a small clean up at the Mid America National Bank parking lot. Still a couple of grants out, one is for Blacksmith Shop and Narrow-Gauge Depot hopefully find out in first of December, another to be applied for is for the Arnett Park to improve it. The supplier for County Market had a fire so may be a shortage of Christmas

trees. Mayor Lafary said they had an electrician at the park for more outlets regarding enough power for the Christmas trees.

**Christmas Committee – Kenney Haacke:**

**WORKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT** – Evinn Palmer: Finished up oil and chip also working on some sidewalks. Going to dig up some sewers to repair. Had a pump go bad but had an old one they hooked up. Need some permits completed, estimated time for delivery is September 14 for the new pump hopefully. Alderperson Spotloe suggested purchase an extra one, all agreed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Discuss/Approve funding and ideas for all town clean up – Amanda Smith said she talked to someone in Canton, different options are to pick up at houses or get dumpsters. Decided at previous meeting to pick up at individual houses so we can choose what is picked up. Need a sign-up list maybe, but Mayor wants to just leave open not sign up. Leave on curb, maybe junkers will pick up. The cost at the Land fill is \$88.00 a ton. A dumpster can be at city dump. If too much for city crew can then call John Lemon from Canton for help. Should be set for a Monday that will give them all week to pick up, maybe September 20, put on water bills and on Facebook, not allowed are tires, paint, electronics and chemicals. Evinn Palmer said they can take three loads a day to Macomb. Not sure how to limit it. Previous years had a tire collection. Motion by Alderperson Clark, for all town clean up set for Monday September 20, second by Alderperson Miller, roll call vote motion carried all ayes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discuss/Approve bid for Remainder of Water Meter Loan – Bids opened at 6:15 Ipava State Bank had a quote of 1.74% fixed rate, Havana National Bank proposed a fixed rate of 1.75%, MidAmerica National Bank proposed a fixed rate of 2.05% and Prairie State Bank & Trust offered a rate of 1.96%. Alderperson Clark asked wasn't it customary to accept the lowest bid, all agreed. Motion by Alderperson Miller to approve the bid of 1.74% fixed rate by the Ipava State Bank for the remainder of the Water Meter Loan, second by Alderperson Clark, roll call vote motion carried all ayes.
2. Discuss/Approve showing support for Park District applying for Grant – Amanda Smith explained for the grant for Arnett Park needs a showing of support from the city. The grant is for up to \$400,000.00 it is 90% and the Park District matches 10%. They want to make it a more attractive park, play area, basketball court, and pavilion improvements. Motion by Alderperson Ward, to show support to the Park District to help them get the grant to improve Arnett Park, second by Alderperson Spotloe all in favor.
3. Discuss/Approve Ordinance for Ameren ELECTRIC Franchise Agreement – The city has no numbers on the Ameren bills to compare. Attorney Nathan Collins agreed maybe try to get our usage for past year to see if they are going to

compensate the city enough. At this time City Hall does not pay an Ameren bill, Ameren wants us to pass an Ordinance to receive money in lieu of gas and electric. Annually they will send us \$11,810.00 for electric and \$6,475 for gas for a new franchise agreement to deliver their services to the community. Expiration is November 2, 2021. Motion by Alderperson Miller, second by Alderperson Clark to table at this time.

4. Discuss/Approve Ordinance for Ameren GAS Franchise Agreement – Table at this time.

#### PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

CLOSED SESSION: No closed session

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Alderperson Clark made a motion to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.; Seconded by Alderperson Miller motion carried all ayes.



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Cindy Goddard, City Clerk

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# MAPPING

the Future of Your Community

## Lewistown Action Plan

June 2012

Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs  
*Making a Difference in Rural Illinois*

[www.IIRA.org](http://www.IIRA.org)

A group of committed local citizens worked with the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University to conduct the MAPPING the Future of Your Community Program, a strategic visioning and planning process for community and economic development. The following action plan outlines the goals, strategies, and projects that were developed for Lewistown.

### MAPPING the Future of Lewistown sponsors:

City of Lewistown	Deane and Ann Doolen, in memory of James Dopley
Collins and Collins, P.C.	MAPPING Steering Committee
Eisell Agency Insurance	In Memory of Bob & Glenda Downs
John King	The employees of Prairie State Bank and Trust
Lewistown Chamber of Commerce	The Fulton Democrat
Lewistown Dairy Queen, C/O Mr. Alan O'Bryant	The Pub, owner Ruth Graham
Lewistown Mutual Insurance	Lewistown Subway
Randy Turner, Turner Professional Photography and Graphics	Wichman Florist

*“Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”*

- Margaret Mead

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# Lewistown Action Plan 2012

## Vision

*Lewistown is a charming small town with a big history, located in the heart of Spoon River Country in Fulton County, Illinois. Inviting accommodations welcome visitors and history enthusiasts exploring 12,000 years of history at our museums and historical attractions, including the world renowned Dickson Mounds Museum. Come discover the "Spoon River Anthology", and explore the unique shops in historic downtown Lewistown. An excellent educational system, a wide range of outdoor recreational activities and year round events attract people of all ages. Lewistown - come for a visit, stay for a lifetime!*

## High Priority Goals

**Goal 1:**  
Lewistown is a small town with a big history! Visitors come from throughout the region to learn about the people and events that have shaped Lewistown through tours, museums, historical attractions, festivals, events and more.

**Goal 2:**  
Lewistown is a destination location attracting tourists with a thriving arts scene, live entertainment, unique retail shops, stylish lodging options, and more!

**Goal 3:**  
Lewistown is known for the wide variety of outdoor recreation options in and around the town. A stop at the visitors' center prepares sporting enthusiasts for a day of fishing, hunting, golfing, hiking, birding, kayaking and more!

**Goal 4:**  
Lewistown offers a wide variety of entertainment activities and enrichment opportunities for residents of all ages in high quality facilities.

**Goal 5:**  
Lewistown provides an exceptionally well-rounded education for community members of all ages. Parents and kids enjoy high quality daycare, preschool and K-12 education. After school and summer programming bring additional value to families in Lewistown.

### Top 5 Strategies

1. Coordinate with the museum on local history projects.
2. Complete visitors' center and museum.
3. Develop advertising materials to promote visiting historic Lewistown.
4. Develop underutilized Lewistown history.
5. Develop a variety of tours celebrating the history of the Lewistown area.

### Top 5 Strategies

1. Develop events and activities aimed at drawing tourists to town.
2. Create a marketing plan for Lewistown.
3. Improve Spoon River Drive in Lewistown.
4. Develop/attract lodging options.
5. Assist local businesses in coordinating with schools when state series sporting events are in town.

### Top 5 Strategies

1. Upgrade existing parks.
2. Attract/recreation based businesses.
3. Develop a series of festivals for hunting/fishing enthusiasts.
4. Develop recreational activities/events.
5. Develop firearm and bow shooting opportunities.

### Top 5 Strategies

1. Promote volunteerism for events.
2. Promote and develop local foods.
3. Develop a recreation center.
4. Utilize the visitors' center for classes of all ages.
5. Develop activities at the park.

### Top 5 Strategies

1. Expand or develop vocational programming with Spoon River College.
2. Develop service learning and volunteerism projects for kids.
3. Develop a wide utilization of local schools with Dickson Mounds museum - educational opportunities and other DNR opportunities.
4. Establish day care center.
5. Develop fundraising for education initiatives.

## Strategies

1. Create a brochure for local museums.
2. Find funding for printing and distributing brochures
3. Remove old Spoon River Anthology Signs from Oak Hill Cemetery
4. Install temporary exhibits at the Visitors Center
5. Develop permanent exhibits for Visitors Center

1. Start a scarecrow contest.
2. Improve the Lewistown destination portion of the Spoon River Drive.
3. Create a holiday tour of homes.
4. Develop a sports directory.
5. Launch an educational & recreational agri-eco tourism program for Lewistown local farmers.
6. Create a walking & bicycle tour of Lewistown's historical attractions.
7. Expand the farmers market.
8. Develop a skating rink.

1. Upgrade existing parks.
2. Develop working relationship with Park District to collaborate on projects
3. Coordinate a clean up and brush removal event at Ratcliff Park Hiking Trail
4. Establish a neighborhood watch program

1. Recruit a speaker to present at the farmers market.
2. Promote the farmers market.
3. Enhance the farmers market with the addition of art & craft vendors as well as music events.
4. Develop guidelines for vendors at the farmers market.
5. Host Farmers Market vendor meeting
6. Develop movies in the park, music in the park and art in the park
7. Create community classes in a variety of topics

1. Develop social media.
2. Create wish list to share with Spoon River College and invite Carol Davis from SRC to discuss
3. Draft a letter of introduction to CUSD #97
4. Coordinate volunteers with local organizations.

## Projects

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## Action Teams

(Convener noted in italics)