

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DATE October 12, 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 by Shane Smith

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

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM** by Mayor Doug Lafary

**CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES:** Cindy Goddard. Chamber is having a Trunk or Treat on October 31 at Fulton County Fairgrounds, flyer handed out. Alderperson Spotloe made a motion to approve the minutes of September 28, 2021, second by Alderperson Miller roll call vote, the motion carried all ayes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Debbie Brown. No report.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** No attorney's report.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:**

Tina Henderson would like to have a Christmas vendors show same day as decorating the Christmas Trees in Porter Park. If they have a donation or charge \$25.00 per vendor than that would go to a fund raiser. Wants to have something that will grow into bigger activities for Christmas. Christmas music in the park during that time by Kendall Miller. Can contact Tina Henderson with ideas and she wants to involve all the businesses. Alderperson Kendall Miller said maybe the Archdale's would bring in their horses and buggy to give rides. Tina will announce when a meeting is scheduled.

Billie Simmons thanked the city for helping with the fund raiser for the Humane Society.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance/Insurance/Zoning – Alderperson Clark: Absent.

Sewer – Alderperson Spotloe: Nothing to report.

Streets & Allies – Alderperson Miller: Nothing to report. Everything looks good.

Police/ESDA – Alderperson Ward: Applications are out for a full-time police officer. Had a couple apply so far.

Water – Alderperson Miller: Everything in report that Evinn Palmer handed out.

Utilities/Publications – Alderperson Kelley: Absent

Public Buildings & Grounds – Alderperson Kelley: Absent

Tourism – Alderman Pascal: The Community Wiener roast is now at Ratcliff Park on October 23.

Tax Increment Financing – Alderperson Spotloe: Nothing to report.

Citizens Committee – Amanda Smith not present but sent agenda for the Town Hall meeting taking place on Wednesday October 13 at 6:30 at the Lewistown Visitors Center.

Christmas Committee - Kenny Haacke has ordered 30 trees from Farm King in Canton at a discounted price. He had one meeting with Evinn Palmer and Brian Wickert regarding the electrical at Porter Park, also we have the Court House lawn to put Christmas trees. Evinn has a plan how he wants them displayed.

**WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Evinn Palmer Director handed out Public Works report for September. See Attached. Water loss is staying in the teens (17.6%)

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Discuss/Approve final plans on the Community Wiener Roast on October 23 – discussed above
2. Discuss/Approve Ordinance for Ameren Electric Franchise Agreement – Attorney Collins still working on this. Table at this time.
3. Discuss/Approve Ordinance for Gas Franchise Agreement – Attorney Collins still working on this. Table at this time.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discuss/Approve 2021-2022 ICRMT Policy Renewal – City Clerk explained that the amount of the premiums has went up because of cyber security and police department. Alderperson Miller made motion to approve the 2021-2022 ICRMT Policy renewal, second by Alderperson Spotloe, roll call vote motion carried all ayes.

#### **PRESENTATION OF BILLS:**

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

CLOSED SESSION: No closed session

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderson Miller made a motion to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.; Seconded by Alderson Spotloe motion carried all ayes.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cindy Goddard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

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Cindy Goddard, City Clerk

TIF COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday October 21, 2021  
At 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER by committee chairman Alderman John Spotloe.

TIF MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderman Kim Pascal, Kendall Miller, John Spotloe, Mayor Doug Lafary and City Clerk Cindy Goddard.

BUSINESS: Discuss TIF application from Lewistown Masonic Lodge #104, replacing roof on building.

Tom Svihla the Worshipfull Master of Lodge attended meeting to explain the issues with the roof. He stated that they already have around \$5000.00 damage from the roof leaking inside such as carpet, but they will have to deal with that. It is an historical building built in the 1860's, the Masonic Lodge moved it in 1951. It has had repairs but still leaking bad.

They have no real income except they rent bottom floor which is a Flower Business that brings in a little money. They are not planning on leaving because they are doing well there. Mayor Lafary said we do not want another historic building empty on the square.

Since no income they cannot get a loan at the bank. The committee does not want the building to be abandoned. Need to keep it. Tom Svihla was told to attend the City Council meeting on October 26 when they make the final decision.

Also discussed to have on agenda for City Council meeting doing a new amortization for Country Side Family Restaurant because he was behind, The Economic Group said that would be fine just so he pays it back, Alderman Miller made a motion to put it on agenda all agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Cindy Goddard, City Clerk