

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

November 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Lewistown City Council Room

PRESENT Finance Committee Members: Alderperson Sally Clark, Brad Ward, Mayor Doug Lafary, also City Clerk Cindy Goddard and Accountant Beka Schultz.

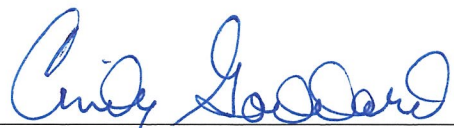
Tax Levy needs determined for this years Ordinance, last years was handed out. Taxes and population has decreased since last year. Beka Schultz explained the tax levy funds.

Truth and Taxation says there is a maximum of 5% before publication and public hearing is needed. Last several years were around 3%. Mayor Lafary does not want to increase taxes at all. Do we need to cut services, does not want to increase taxes for their services?

Discussion on the total taxes to be levied and how it is broke down. County assessor submits to state sum of all is the EAV, this determines the tax levy. Costs will be continuously going up, pay and everything. The Mayor says the general fund has been supporting the difference let it continue supporting it. Alderperson Ward asked what about the future? Alderperson Clark also agreed that it has been running smooth so let it continue. In general fund about \$1.5 million in it at this point. At this point the police department is understaffed so those expenses will be less. Mayor said we are also paying two almost the same public works director pay.

Tax levy is actually at 8.392% and previous year 8.061%. So this gave the city \$4,500.00 they want to keep the tax levy exactly the same.

Hotel and Motel Tax was discussed this helps support tourism activities, they did not want it. Archdale's have done a lot and don't want to step on their toes.



Cindy Goddard, City Clerk