

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE February 22, 2022

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: Pastor Brant Reed

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

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Doug Lafary

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard.

Alderperson Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2022, second by Alderperson Miller roll call vote, after correction the motion carried all ayes.

Mayor explained about Fulton County Small Business Covid-19 Relief Grant. Applications and guidelines available at Lewistown City Hall. It was explained that this is a local grant from Fulton County that is for businesses that fell between the cracks. The County allotted money out of the ARPA funds for small businesses and tourism for these grants.

The City Clerk addressed a letter received from the Office of the Attorney General. It was a complaint by the Illinois.sentry@activist.com saying the City Council violated the Open Meetings Act during the November 23, 2021 meeting. The determination was that the council did not at any point violate the act so the file is closed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown. Nothing new at this time.
Aldermen have the January Treasurer's report.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Sewer – Alderperson Spotloe: Nothing to report. Absent

Streets & Allies – Alderperson Miller: Nothing to report. Commend the street workers regarding snow removal.

Police/ESDA – Alderperson Ward: Nothing to report.

Water – Alderperson Miller: Nothing at this time.

Utilities/Publications – Alderperson Long: Nothing new to report.

Public Buildings & Grounds – Alderperson Long: Heater installed at Fair Grounds.

Tourism – Alderman Pascal: Nothing to report.

Tax Increment Financing – Alderperson Spotloe: Absent.

Citizens Committee – Amanda Smith absent.

Christmas Committee - Kenny Haacke VFW putting on the spaghetti supper on April 30, all donations go to the Christmas Downtown Activities. Silent auction before and during the meal. Next meeting is February 28 at 6:00 p.m. at Visitors Center.

WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Evinn Palmer Director, we have had a few water main breaks, been plowing snow, some patching today. Shop maintenance and vehicle maintenance. Sink hole on South Monroe, will camera to see what is exactly going on, it is around 12-foot diameter. Water committee needs to meet with Darrin Clark regarding cleaning the water tower so they can get an estimate of all work needs to be done with ground storage and water tower. Will get scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

Alderperson Miller 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:

Alderperson Ward made a motion to adjourn at 6:49 p.m.; Seconded by Alderperson Miller motion carried all ayes.


Cindy Goddard, City Clerk