

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE June 14, 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: Mayor Lafary

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Alderperson Sally Clark, Jim Long, 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.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Doug Lafary

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard. Auditors here on Monday, they were in and out before 3:00 same day, it went smooth.
Alderperson Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 2022, second by Alderperson Pascal, the motion carried all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown. Nothing to report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. Absent

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:

Bill Bradley said everything looks good. Alderman Miller said Pratt's Hardware Store is closing permanently this coming Friday June 17. Said everyone needs to read the sign for the reasons.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Sewer – Alderperson Spotloe: Nothing to report.

Streets & Allies – Alderperson Miller: Nothing to report.

Police/ESDA – Alderperson Ward: Chief Werland's last day July 15. Mayor says if we have no police dept he will call Fulton County and tell them we need them to take our calls.

Water – Alderperson Miller: Checked on progress of Fire hydrants they will get finish painting them, haven't gotten any painted this summer yet. During the winter some new meters have frozen if decision is made that it was not the fault of the customer then maybe will reimburse them since they had to pay for a new one. Will determine if meters are faulty or not. Previous administration stated that the city would pay for first one and the citizen would pay for the second meter. Old meters had a frost plate so if they froze you could replace that plate. Evinn Palmer

has called company and they said you could not replace any parts so if break they are junk. The good thing about the new meters is that we can tell when water is being used, like a leak or a stool running. Miller doesn't think the people are responsible the meter when it freezes. To order more it takes 4 to 6 months to receive. Table till next meeting.

Utilities/Publications – Alderperson Long: Nothing to report.

Public Buildings & Grounds – Alderperson Long: Evinn is staying busy.

Tourism – Alderman Pascal: Music in the Park going well. Mayor Lafary said the ice cream shop in Cuba is really nice hopes to get them to come to Lewistown.

Tax Increment Financing – Alderperson Spotloe: Nothing to report.

Citizens Committee – Amanda Smith not present at meeting but forwarded information that funding for water project would be available this fall and trying to secure funding for murals downtown.

Christmas Committee - Kenny Haacke and Jeanne, slowing down for now.

WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Evinn Palmer Director in May water loss was up a little, and have a few service lines leaking. A few sink holes, one will be contracted out to be fixes, it is 17 foot down. Guys are working on streets getting ready for seal coat.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve WIRC membership renewal: Josh Mercer from Western Illinois Regional Council – Talked about housing development grant a little, the explained that the dues go for writing the grants, last grant was the well field, for public infrastructure. Most grants have to survey Lewistown and Bryant won't need to for housing development grant. To get like grant for 10 houses, have to survey 30 houses and to meet the requirements. DCO now limit is million and a half. Motion by Alderperson Spotloe to approve WIRC membership renewal of \$1224.60, second by Alderperson Ward, roll vote, motion carried all ayes.
2. Discuss/Approve New Health Insurance Plan for Employees: At meeting Jamie Hopkins from Sagacity Benefits, Inc. and Keith Krohe from Crossroads Consulting & Brokerage, Inc. City Clerk stated that she had them bring amounts for dental, vision and short-term disability insurance also. Keith Krohe stated our new representative for Lewistown is Jason taking the place of Tina Henderson's place. Renewal plans and comparison plans were given to the councilmen to look at. They feel the employees should look at the plans and decide what plan they want. All plans were discussed and gone thru. Each Insurance representative went thru their plans. All numbers are almost the same. Mayor Lafary would like to keep local. Crossroads Gold Blue Choice Preferred PPO has \$1500.00 deductible and will save employee and employer money, motion by Alderperson Ward to approve the Blue Choice Preferred PPO plan with Crossroads, and second by Alderperson Spotloe, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

CLOSED SESSION: No closed session

ADJOURNMENT:

Aldersperson Miller made a motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.; motion carried all ayes.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cindy Goddard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Cindy Goddard, City Clerk