

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE December 22, 2015

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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Aldermen Ford, Kelley, Weese, Barclay, Burget, and Mayor R. John King. Also present: Wendy Martin from the Fulton Democrat, Hannah Schrodtt from Canton Daily Ledger, Attorney Nathan Collins, City Administrator Alicia Campbell, City Clerk Cindy Goddard, Elmer Littlefield Jr., Chris Hagey, Cindy Arnett, Roger Arnett, Betty Hambrick, Alfred Hambrick, Billie Simmons, Mary Deushane, Jack Deushane, Ron Lawver, Rita Hagen, Tony Hagen, Joyce Hurley and Terry Hurley.
ABSENT: Alderman Spotloe and City Treasurer Debbie Brown.

MINUTES:

Alderman Ford made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting, Seconded by Alderman Burget, the motion carried with all ayes.

CLERKS REPORT: Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Absent

BILLS:

Alderman Ford made a motion to approve all bills properly endorsed; Seconded by Alderman Weese, roll call vote, the motion carried with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:

Mary Deushane addressed city council regarding parking near County Market, Avenue E going south from Jefferson to stoplight. Cars are being parked on both sides. She is requesting a no parking sign on at least one side of the street. Mayor King informed Mrs. Deushane that the intersection is going to be changed next year (2016). The intersection is going to be enlarged; buildings are going to be torn down so this street will be changing anyway come next summer. The state will probably not allow parking a certain distance from the stoplights. Someone from the city will call the store manager and talk to him regarding the parking. Hopefully this will help; if not then no parking signs will be placed along West Avenue E.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Nothing to report

ENGINEER'S REPORT: No Engineer present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderman Ford: Nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderman Weese: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Burget: Nothing to report.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe: Absent

Water – Alderman Barclay: Nothing to report.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Mayor King: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Jason Ray to address Council regarding water bill at 724 West Avenue D. – Not present, rescheduled to January 12, 2016.
- B. Discuss Dale Ramsey Lien – Ron Lawver stated that only part of the property was demolished, but the lien is on both the properties including the house. He says he is buying the house and going to remodel it. Attorney Collins states this is pending so it can be discussed openly at the city council meeting. On paper it is in two names one is deceased Janet Ramsey, Dale Ramsey still alive. The lien is to get the city the money back from demolition and legal fees, legal fees would be on both properties. It is the responsibility of the current owner to pay the fees.
- C. Discuss locking gates at Waste Water Plant. Ted Myetich has lock and key for the gate at the Waste Water Plant, the cameras have been working. No one is allowed to dump at the sewer plant during closed hours. Yard waste can still be dumped at the public dump area.
- D. Approve water tap at 208 S. State Street, Bryant, IL 61519. This is mandatory according to the Bryant water agreement. That it has to be voted on according to water agreement. Alderman Barclay made motion to approve water tap at 208 South State Street, Bryant IL, seconded by Burget, roll call vote, motion carried with all ayes.
- E. Cindy Arnett to address Council regarding hog confinement. Mrs. Arnett stated that she and Billie Simmons, Lewistown Township Supervisor met with Senator Dave Koehler on Friday, December 11, 2015. Mrs. Arnett stated if she can show that the Lewistown city council and county board does NOT want the Bear Creek 4 Hog Confinement then Senator Dave Koehler may be able to pursue positive actions to benefit our community. She states they will be using city water and this may be a problem is the city is low on water. This is one of many issues she

presented to the council within a letter. The Bear Creek 4 Hog Confinement will be located on Loveland Road, which is about 4700 feet from city limits. Mrs. Arnett property is north of this hog confinement. Alderman Ford said maybe city can adopt an ordinance objecting to this hog confinement coming in. Maybe a water limit could be placed on this business. Per Mayor King the city can not deny them from getting water from the city. **ALL** city councilmen are **AGAINST** the Bear Creek 4 Hog Confinement proceeding with development in the Lewistown Township, it is too close to the city limits.

- F. Approve Annual Tax Levy Ordinance. Motion made by Alderman Ford to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance, seconded by Barclay, roll call vote, motion carried with all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Barclay made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Alderman Weese, motion carried with all ayes.

Cindy Goddard, City Clerk