

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE July 28, 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: Alderman Ford, Kelley, Weese, Burget, and Mayor R. John King. Also present: Wendy Martin from the Fulton Democrat, Hannah Schrodtt from Canton Daily Ledger, City Treasurer Debby Brown, City Administrator Alicia Campbell, City Clerk Cindy Goddard, Chief of Police John Werland, also police officer Josh Adkins, Phil Baldwin, Darrell Duntelman, Cody Johnson, Bob Ackerman with Graham Hospital, and Elmer Littlefield, Jr. **ABSENT** were Aldermen Spotloe and Barclay.

MINUTES:

Alderman Ford made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting, Seconded by Alderman Burget, the motion carried with all ayes.

Alderman Ford made a motion to approve the closed session on July 14, 2015 meeting, seconded by Burget, motion carried all ayes.

CLERKS REPORT: Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nothing to report

BILLS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS: Darrell Duntelman from the Lewistown Society for Historical Preservation stated that it is going to take around \$80,000 to fix the Rasmussen Blacksmith Shop; this includes repairing windows Southwest side and Northeast side bricks and the first floor. This coming Saturday August 1, there is going to be a Rasmussen Day; the family is coming to town and going to tour the blacksmith shop and the family house. Darrell Duntelman lives in old Rasmussen House. Trivia Bowl night is August 7, and 50/50 tickets being sold at this time, fund raiser in September, also have line of credit set up at bank. Trying to contact John Deere to get a large donation. (Blacksmith).

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No attorney present.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: No Engineer present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderman Ford: Nothing to report. A couple pf questions about taxes, 1st 3 months good.

Sewer – Alderman Weese: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Burget: Nothing to report.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe: Absent, but Chief Adkins stated the department took care of robbery at Dinks immediately, caught the two that were involved. Fair week went smooth, no incidents. Mowing needs done, some properties are in litigation, maybe have part-time person mow or contract out. Some yards would tear up the equipment if they use the city mowers. Get estimate on mowing, old USDA office, South Adams and a few others. Dennis Monn does not want to pull city guys to do this or use city equipment. Decided that part time workers to mow.

Water – Alderman Barclay: Absent

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Mayor King: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Vote to Vacate Easternmost portion of West Eisenhower Street. Jennifer Smith out of town till October. She moved down spout. Burget talked to Dennis, run off from the rain is an act of nature and will happen even after down spout moved. Burget made motion to vacate the easternmost portion of West Eisenhower Street with Smith and Handy to split the cost, seconded by Ford, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. No parking on both sides of Avenue D between Adams and Jefferson.
Bob Ackerman with Graham Hospital was contacted about patients having trouble getting out of the Clinic parking lot because of County Market employees parking along street. They will probably move over and park on Avenue E if Avenue D has no parking. Maybe contact Kevin to find out if employees can park at East end of parking lot; also include designated route for the semis and delivery

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trucks. Ford made motion to make it no parking from Main Street along Avenue D to Jefferson, seconded by Burget, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

A motion by Burget, seconded by Ford, to go into closed session at 7:01 for personnel and property in litigation.

Alderman Burget made a motion to resume regular session, seconded by Ford. Doors opened.

B. Vote to hire Full time Police Officer. Alderman Burget made a motion to hire full time police officer, seconded by Kelley, new police officer will be Cody Johnson he is to sign 3 year contract. Roll call vote, motion carried with all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Ford made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Alderman Burget motion carried all ayes.

Cindy Goddard, City Clerk