

City of Lewistown Public Hearing

February 14, 2017 at 6:15 p.m.

City of Lewistown public hearing was conducted at City Hall to close out two different grants from 2014 for Well Fields. To evaluate the completed water system improvement work that addressed the threat to public health and safety. The project was completed January, 2017 and was funded from a grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The funds were made available to the state from HUD's Community Development Block Grant Public Infrastructure Program.

PRESENT: Mayor King, Alderman Ford, Kelley, Weese, Burget and Spotloe, Cindy Goddard, City clerk, Debbie Brown, City treasurer, Billie Simmons, Wendy Martin from The Fulton Democrat, Larry Eskridge from the Canton Daily Ledger, Amanda Woodruff, city administrator, Andrew Whitsitt, Eric Woll, John Foxall, Nick Halbert, Jr., Elmer Littlefield, Jason Herrick, Mrs. Herrick, Mike Russell, Kevin Wiehardt. **ABSENT:** Alderman Barclay.

Kevin Wiehardt from WIRC presented the amounts of the two grants from 2014 for the public hearing. No comments from the public.

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 14, 2017

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, Burget, Spotloe and Mayor R. John King. Also present: Wendy Martin from the Fulton Democrat, Larry Eskridge from Canton Daily Ledger, City Treasurer Debbie Brown, City Administrator Amanda Woodruff, City Clerk Cindy Goddard, John Werland, Chief of Police, Eric Williams, police officer, Elmer Littlefield Jr., Attorney Nathan Collins, Richard Wells, Preacher Randy, Teresa Strode, Phil Curless, Greg Garrett, Paul Schrock, Jerry Burdess, Tara (Pratt) Ward, Ronnie Ward, Billie Simmons, Andrew Whitsitt, Eric Woll, John Foxall, Jason Herrick, Mrs. Herrick, Nick Halbert Jr., Mike Russell. **ABSENT:** Alderman Barclay.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor King

MINUTES:

Alderman Ford made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2017 meeting, Seconded by Alderman Spotloe, the motion carried with all ayes.

CLERKS REPORT: Nothing new to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A report sent out for everyone to see deposits and budget. Debbie wanted to know if Alderman wants to see monthly or quarterly report. Please let Debbie know what they want to see, budget report, monthly or quarterly? Alderman Ford thinks a quarterly report for budget would be good in her opinion. Alderman Burget wants a report regarding TIFF amounts.

BILLS:

Alderman Spotloe made a motion to approve all bills properly endorsed; Seconded by Alderman Weese roll call vote, Alderman Ford yes, Kelley yes, Weese yes, Burget No, Spotloe yes, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS: John Werland stated there is a Chicken Noodle dinner and silent auction for Boy Scouts fund raiser this coming Saturday February 18, 2017 at VFW. It makes more than selling popcorn.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. Nothing to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: No Engineer present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderman Ford: Nothing new to report. She stated if any questions ask Amanda or Debbie.

Sewer – Alderman Weese: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Burget: Nothing to report.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe and Chief Werland. Chief Werland said Officer Eric Williams has updates on grants. Officer Williams said the grants cover medical supplies, equipment, and uniforms. The Lewistown High School safety update is coming along well; the programs are getting updated with staff identifications. Also local businesses are getting all the emergency contact information to them.

Water – Alderman Barclay: Absent, but according to Mayor King they are still working on well field, Dennis Monn is down there every day keeping eye on stuff and help if needed.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Mayor King: Something new going on but can't tell yet. .

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Halbert Tiff application – Alderman want to know who the Decker Construction Company is for labor, there is no phone number or address, need more information on them. Alderman Ford said no at this time for labor estimate, and yes for material. Table at this time.
- b. Pratt Tiff Application – The attorney is against the same business purchasing their own stuff for TIFF grant. Tara Ward was asked how much she was expecting to get. She mentioned all donations and things the Pratt Business has done over the years, and stated that this is a major project for them. She would like half in grant and half in TIFF. Mayor King brought to their attention that there is only a certain amount generated each year. Tara Ward wanted to know if 1% loan is limited, yes limited to keep things fair among all businesses per Mayor King. Burget ask how long her family has had businesses in town, for around 50 years she stated. Burget thinks they should go 50% on each. Need to look at full amount in bank and see how much left in TIFF funds. Table till next meeting.
- c. Discuss and vote on New Doors Quotes for City Hall – with safety push door lock for Pinnacle door, \$6,976.00 now, compare the three amounts. Baer Glass \$8,468.48, J & M Construction \$8, 732.83. Alderman Spotloe believes should go with local person J & M Construction. Table at this time for everyone to review amounts again.
- d. Approve Little Food Pantry to be placed at Visitors Center - Mayor King admitted he made a mistake when he already gave permission to put it up the Food Pantry Box on side of Visitors Center. The City is not liable for any food that may be bad or any consequences of it. Alderman Ford has problem with the religious symbols on the sides of the Box; she requested they be taken off because it is on a government building. The only food pantry in town is only open a few hours a week. Motion made by Ford, second by Burget, if religious sign comes off. Alderman Spotloe feels like the symbols should stay on. Alderman Spotloe motion to allow the Little Food Pantry Box be left on the side of the Visitors Center with the religious symbols on it, second by Weese, roll call vote, alderman Ford no, Kelley yes, Weese yes, Burget yes and Spotloe yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Eaker Annexation and Sewer Tap - (Linda Lane) Chad and Katie Eaker have to annex in to the city. Alderman Spotloe made a motion to allow the 4" Sewer Tap to Chad and Katie Eaker at 13265 North Linda Lane with proper signage, seconded by Kelley, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- b. Approve Resolution to Modify Police Department Policy Manual – Alderman Kelley wants to know about warning shots, it is according to situation per Chief Werland. Alderman Ford made a motion to approve the Resolution to Modify the Department Policy Manual of the Lewistown Police Department regarding “USE OF FORCE”, seconded by Spotloe, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- c. DCEO Sandy Disaster Recovery Grant for Well Field Project – City should receive \$600,000 by end of week to reimburse EPA loan for Well Field Project.
- d. Approve Revised Change Order #5 for Well Field Project Alderman Spotloe made a motion to approve Revised Change Order #5 Well Field Project, seconded by Burget, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- e. Discuss Casey’s Liquor License change from Class D-1 to Class D. Alderman Spotloe agreed that no new licenses should be issued at this time. Most aldermen were present at the Liquor Commission meeting that took place at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Ford made motion to DENY the granting of the change from Class D-1 to Class D license for Casey’s North and South, Spotloe seconded, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes
- f. Discuss County Market wanting to sell beer for consumption on the premises. Most Aldermen were present at the Liquor Commission meeting that took place at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Ford made a motion NOT to give permission to County Market to sell beer for consumption on the premises, seconded by Spotloe, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- g. CLOSED SESSION – Alderman Ford made a motion to go into closed session at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Burget. Doors closed.

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED Doors opened at 8:26 p.m.

- h. Approve Closed Session Minutes Resolution - Alderman Ford made motion to approve the Release of Closed Session Minutes Resolution, seconded by Spotloe, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- i. Approve IRS Audit Liability Payment – Alderman Ford motion to take the \$50,000.00 received from the state of Illinois and send to Federal Government, second by Burget, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Ford made a motion to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.; seconded by Alderman Burget
motion carried all ayes.

Cindy Goddard, City Clerk