

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE February 28, 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, Barclay, 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, City Engineer Keith Plavec, Eric Woll, Nick Halbert, Tara Pratt Ward, Ron Ward, Joseph D. Cantrall, Greg Garrett, Jack Smith, and Elmer Littlefield Jr.,

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor John King

MINUTES:

Alderman Ford made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017, meeting, Seconded by Alderman Kelley, the motion carried with all ayes.

CLERKS REPORT: Nothing new to report,

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

BILLS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:

Jack Smith, is worried about his culvert by the driveway, between street and sidewalk, there is a big hole. He wondered who is responsible for it. He said Johnny Rhinearson has looked at it already but he never heard anything or nothing has been done yet. Mayor King told him that he is responsible for his driveway and that the city has been really busy and will clean out culvert as soon as possible.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. No attorney present.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Keith Plavec with Mauer Stutz here to explain IDOT US24/100 Intersection Project – it has been since 2014 dealing with IDOT to get the Intersection of US 24/100 Project done. About a week ago he got a call, wanted to know what the city was going to do with water main regarding this project. After looking at water main they discovered it is 4 foot in one spot 3 foot in another spot, so needs to be replaced. Now the city's crew is short staffed, can not get new water main placed in the time they allowed. Keith Plavec stated the cost is almost \$58,000.00, J. C. Dillon, Inc. is doing the work, he is trying to get

IDOT to pay for this, not the city. The amount includes 2 new fire hydrants, new shut off EZ valve to shut down water in future if needed with an 8 inch main.

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: Nothing to report.

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:

1. Halbert TIF Application – Nick Halbert presented all paper work needed for estimates. Alderman Ford has problem with construction labor costs because it is hard to divide up if he is doing some of own work or not. She suggests give him grant of \$4,800.00 for material only. Motion made by Alderman Ford to give Nick Halbert \$4,800.00 of TIF money for material only, seconded by Spotloe, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
2. Pratt TIF Application – Mayor King stated that usually small towns our size don't have furniture stores, he would like to keep it. Motion by Alderman Burget for TIF grant for Pratt's \$74,500.00 being ½ TIF and ½ at 1 per cent loan, seconded by Spotloe, roll call vote motion carried with all ayes.
3. Discuss and Vote on New Doors Quotes for City Hall - Mayor King said city should wait on this at this time. Alderman Ford also agrees. Table at this time.
4. Speeding on West Euclid – Alderman Kelley said a car came from North on Madison, he was East on Euclid, almost got hit at the corner of Madison and Euclid. They have cop car parked along there but that has not slowed down cars. Need to put stop sign up, make it a four way stop. All agree on 4-way stop, will need to create ordinance to give to Attorney Collins.
5. Eaker Annexation and Sewer Tap have not heard back from them yet. Table at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/approve water main improvements on US24/100 intersection – Alderman Barclay stated that this can't wait needs to be done now, don't have time to put out for bids. The \$56,919.97 has to come out of water funds, Amanda said there is enough in the water funds, maybe can apply for a grant also. Motion made by Alderman Spotloe to approve the \$56,919.97 to be paid to Otto Baum for the water main project on US24/100 intersection, seconded by Barclay, roll call vote, all ayes motion carried.
2. Approve pay request #10 for Kemper Construction for Well Field Project - Motion made by Alderman Spotloe to approve pay request #10 to Kemper Construction for Well Field Project, seconded by Weese, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
3. SANDY DCEO Grant Deposit and Payment - paid to EPA the amount of \$75,000.00, almost \$900,000 from SANDY DCEO Grant so far.
4. Discuss/Approve raising the limit on Sub Class Special Event Liquor Licenses – Decided in the Liquor Commission meeting earlier there is no need to change license.
5. Discuss Resolution Revising the Personnel Policy Manual regarding Travel Expenses/Reimbursement – Alderman Ford can get a copy of a list that the county goes by regarding travel expenses. The Police Officers use this the most. Need to put a dollar amount on meals, according to Attorney Nathan Collins. Current procedure is use the city credit card to pay for lodging, meals and gas. They have to furnish receipts when returning the credit card. Alderman Spotloe suggested put a cap on the expenses. At this time only one card available. The State is requiring this manual be done by June. Table at this time.
6. Discuss cashing out CD for IRS Liability Payment – Mayor King explained a \$50,000 payment has been paid to the IRS for mistake was made by Alicia Campbell when she was Administrator. Mayor King explained that day after Alicia left that a letter was received from IRS. Amanda brought this to Mayor's attention. It has taken three months to go thru all paper work. Alicia sent all the payments to state of IL instead of IRS this happened in seven quarters. The State at one time had \$160,000.00, the city got \$50,000.00 so far, it was sent to IRS immediately. Liability and Trust Fund total is \$192,865.96, penalties are \$75,000.000, sent all documents to state. All previous letters are missing that had been sent to us. The amount of \$108,956.05 is the Trust Fund, the IRS could go after Alicia for this. NO money was stolen, all figures equal out. The Ipava Bank is not going to charge us for cashing out the CD. Motion made by Alderman Ford to cash out the CD at the Ipava State Bank to pay the IRS, seconded by Barclay, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
7. Closed Session: Approve February 14, 2017 minutes and personnel.

Alderman Barclay made a motion to go into closed session at 7:16 p.m. seconded by Ford, motion carried, doors closed.

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Alderman Spotloe made a motion to resume open session, seconded by Ford, motion carried, doors opened.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Spotloe made a motion to adjourn at 7:45p.m. Seconded by Alderman Ford motion carried all ayes.

Cindy Goddard, City Clerk