

**LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**DATE September 12, 2017**

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

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Aldermen Clark, Kelley, Weese, Hough, Spotloe and Mayor Littlefield. Also present: Wendy Martin from the Fulton Democrat, City Administrator Amanda Woodruff, City Clerk Cindy Goddard, Keith Plavec, City Engineer and Jerry McCoy. **ABSENT:** Alderman Burget, and Debbie Brown the City Treasurer.

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM** by Mayor Littlefield.

**CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES:** Cindy Goddard.

Alderman Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes of August 22, 2017, second by Alderman Hough roll call vote, the motion carried all ayes.

**REPORT:** Debbie Brown. Absent.

Aldermen have treasurer's report. Alderman Clark made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, second by Alderman Weese roll call vote, the motion carried all ayes.

**BILLS:**

Alderman Clark 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:**

Jerry McCoy lives on the corner of Patton (a short street) and Broadway, Patton is a gravel street, no drainage, water and dirt gets on his sidewalk when it rains, it needs grated would like it blacktopped. Also holes in the alley, would like it fixed or grated also. Mayor said he, Alderman Hough and Gary Shawgo will look at it, but first will check and make sure it is still a city street.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Attorney Nathan Collins.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Keith Plavec, report during old business.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance – Alderman Clark: Nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderman Burget: Absent

Street & Alley – Alderman Hough: Bright Line Striping has done the striping on Main Street; McArthur, to Avenue B, and in front of city building.

Janie Boyd said CIPS took down a city street sign, she would like it put back up, and it is on the corner of Avenue C and South Monroe. This was reported to Alderman Clark.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe: Lost Sergeant Adkins to the County. So they are interviewing applicants for another city police officer. Alderman Clark had complaints regarding all terrain vehicles running stop signs and speeding. She asks what the speed limit is for golf carts and all terrain vehicles and was told 30 mph plus they must have a sticker from the city. Four wheelers and some all terrain vehicles are not approved.

Water – Alderman Weese: Nothing to report.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Mayor Littlefield: Amanda said the Scare Crow for the contest are due September 27, 2017. Susie Fuller is taking over the contest. September 21 is Halloween contest for kids at the Visitors Center. She is thinking that it is set for the Cemetery readings/cemetery walk and wiener roast at Major Newton Walker house will be October 14.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Discuss Doug Tindall Water Leak repairs. Trustee from Vermont talked to Mayor Littlefield about a situation they had, it was limb falling on a car on city property, they called insurance company, the insurance company said it was an Act of God; city would not or could not pay the owner of the car. The City Ordinance says that if the break is on personal property, it is property owners' responsibility even if the tree was city property.
- B. Discuss Water Rate Increases – Debt on well field was minimal because of grants and debt forgiveness. Keith Plavec had spreadsheet comparing rate increases and additional revenue it will generate, along with expenses up to year 2024. Need to have two pumps at all times. Mayor said the city is working on a new meter system called AMI; hopefully by middle of next year these can be installed. Keith said meter pits should be next to water mains. The mayor stated that a water leak is usually spotted early. Unaccounted water is around 45%; new meters would help get this number down. Increase of \$.50 on base rate, over 1,500 gallons pay extra \$.20 increase, over 30,000 gallons would be \$1.50. All changes yearly for next 5 years. Will need a draft ordinance from Attorney Collins. Table at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Discuss Dixon Engineering Tank Inspection Proposals – Dixon Engineering & Inspection Service for 200,000 gallon spheroid elevated tank, 500,000 steel reservoir and 12,000 gallon steel standpipe to clean interior surfaces of the tanks, inspect rods, inspect tank interior for corrosion and inspect the exterior coating and review all safety requirement for ladders, cages, etc.. Two pumps have to be working before a tank is drained and shut down. Decided not to inspect the 12,000 gallon standpipe. Spotloe made motion to accept the inspection proposals for the 200,000 gall tank and the 500,00 reservoir by Dixon Engineering & Inspections Services, second by Hough; roll call vote motion carried all ayes.
- B. Approve Bid for 2017 MFT Seal Coat Program – Three bids were presented to council, low bid was IRC for \$63,670.80. Alderman Spotloe made a motion to approve the bid for \$63,670.80 from IRC for 2017 MFT Seal Coat Program; second by Alderman Clark roll call vote motion carried all ayes.
- C. Approve Resolution to close Main Street from Sycamore to Milton for Christmas Parade, December 2, 2017. Alderman Spotloe made a motion to approve Resolution to close Main Street from Sycamore to Milton for Christmas Parade, December 2, 2017; second by Alderman Weese roll call vote motion carried all ayes.
- D. City Street curbs need painted; maybe someone doing Community Service could do that. Will call Sheriff Standard ask him about Community Service people another idea was maybe contact high school to see if any high school kids could do it, not sure if good idea.
- E. NO closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Alderman Weese made a motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.; Seconded by Alderman Clark motion carried all ayes.

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Cindy Goddard, City Clerk