

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE February 26, 2019

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 Sally Clark, Trever Kelley, Jennifer Hebb, John Foxall, Sheldon Burget, John Spotloe and Mayor Elmer Littlefield. Also present: Wendy Martin from the Fulton Democrat, City Clerk Cindy Goddard, Chief of Police John Werland, City Treasurer Debbie Brown, Public Works Director Gary Shawgo, City Attorney Nathan Collins, Kendall Miller, Karen King, John Beyers. Bennie Ademi, John Ademi, Nicole Rilea. **ABSENT:** Alderman Foxall, and Alderman John Spotloe (late arrived at 6:34 p.m.)

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Elmer Littlefield

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard.

Alderman Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2019, second by Alderman Hebb roll call vote, the motion carried all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS;

Kendall Miller, commend the city for getting the water fixed so fast during the real cold weather. Mr. Miller also wanted to know if plan on fixing holes on Main Street.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. The city is going to borrow from Canton a hot box machine to help with fixing the holes on Main Street. The attorney wanted to make sure there was no objection to doing before making the agreement up. Mayor Littlefield explained that the machine will heat up the blacktop so it will stay in the holes better. The machine is very expensive and Lewistown cannot afford one at this time. No charge for using the machine per Gary, the only cost is the materials being used. The city of Lewistown will be liable for any damage to the machine. That is what the agreement is for.

Alderman John Spotloe arrived 6:34 p.m.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Keith Plavec. No Engineer present.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderman Clark: Nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderman Burget: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Foxall: Absent.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe: Chief Werland said Ethan is graduating Friday from Dare School. The school board is questioning who is hiring the officer for the school. No decision has been made.

Water – Mayor Littlefield: Stated that the water department did a good job on the water leak last weekend.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Alderman Hebb: A group of people trying to get committee to get things organized for Scenic Drive also she spoke to someone regarding Eagle Days next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Discuss/Approve Nicole Rilea bill from Kinsel Excavating for sewer – Tabled from last meeting. About a year ago her sewer was checked, there was a break where she connected to Main, the city did not know there was a Main there because it was not on map. There was a chunk taken out where Ameren must have nicked the line. Nicole said that Kinsel told her that he could not get thru the tie in, but Kinsel told Gary that it was in her part of the sewer that was plugged. No one called Kinsel like they said they would. Kinsel would not come to meeting. The city cameraed the sewer after Kinsel had opened it up. Motion by Alderman Burget to pay the \$897.13 that is left on the bill to Kinsel Trucking and Excavating, Mayor Littlefield suggested half of the \$897.13, second by Alderman Kelley to pay \$897.13, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- b. Discuss/Approve TIF Application for Garden Restaurant – Country Side received \$18,000.00 in grant and \$17,000.00 in 1% loan. Benney would like \$18,000 grant, and \$40,000.00 1% loan. Alderman Spotloe wanted to know if we could spread it out since we don't have that much left in the TIF account at this time. Alderman Clark motion for \$10,000.00 grant now with \$8,000.00 grant and \$17,000.00 loan in May or June after taxes are paid, second by Alderman Kelley (18,000.00 grant, 17,000.00 loan come June) roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

- c. Discuss/Approve John Beyers water line repair – Situation is two people on same service line. Ordinance reads when you tap into Main line a corporation valve is placed, after the corporation valve it is the responsibility of the home owner which is the service line. When purchasing property you don't find out anything about the water lines. Gary Shawgo said he talked to Keith Plavec regarding this matter; most cities do have this problem with more than one household on a service line. They are in a sense grandfathered in at this point. Alderman Spotloe explained how there is many homes that have multiple taps on one service line in town. Mr. Beyers said he got a bill from Kinsel for around \$900.00. He then asked about different mains that were installed in the past few years. Sent \$463.10 on his statement today. Mr. Beyers believe that it is not his responsibility or his neighbors. Maybe Attorney Collins needs to check and find out what IEPA rule is regarding this matter. Table at this time. Motion by Alderman Burget to pay rest of bill, but with the ordinance in place this can not be done.
- d. Discuss/Approve Ordinance Relating to Installation and Maintenance of Potable Water Service Lines - Per Alderman Spotloe everything from now on needs to be understood. Table at this time till we find out what the rule is with the IEPA.
- e. Discuss/Approve Resolution to offer 401K retirement plan for new employees – table at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discuss/Approve Barton Brown water tap – 1325 South Main Street, Barton Brown and Kevin Gilson, are the Ice Guys LLC. They want to connect to the water and put in water and automated ice building at the north end of Simmons car lot. Rod Lynch from fair board with them. Lease in place at this time. Simmons Car Lot is annexed in. This property is not in city limits. They have the water tested and they follow all IEPA rules. The Mayor is questioning about the pre-annexation. Have to find out the legal minimum amount of footage that is required by law. In Havana and Pekin they get to tap into the storm sewer because it is clear water being discharged. Discussion where the portable building can be placed that it is contiguous. The meter will be in the pit. Motion by Alderman Clark, second by Alderman Spotloe, to allow water tap on the basis they have the legal minimum amount of footage that is required by law for the building is being placed, roll call vote, and motion carried all ayes.
- b. Approve Closure of Main from Sycamore Drive to Milton for Christmas Parade December 7, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Motion by Alderman Burget, second by Alderman Spotloe to approve closure of Main Street from Sycamore Drive to Milton Street for the Christmas Parade on December 7, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
- c. Approve 2019 Resolution for MFT Maintenance - Motion by Alderman Spotloe second by Alderman Hebb to approve 2019 Resolution for MFT Maintenance, roll call vote Alderman Clark yes, Alderman Kelley yes, Alderman Hebb yes, Alderman Burget no, Alderman Spotloe yes, motion carried.
- d. Approve 2019 MFT Estimate of Maintenance Cost motion by Alderman Spotloe second by Alderman Hebb to approve 2019 MFT Estimate of Maintenance Cost,

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- roll call vote Alderman Clark yes, Alderman Kelley yes, Alderman Hebb yes, Alderman Burget no, Alderman Spotloe yes, motion carried.
- e. Approve 2019 MFT Seal Coat Proposal to send out for Bid - Motion by Alderman Spotloe, second by Alderman Hebb to approve 2019 MFT Seal Coat Proposal, roll call vote Alderman Clark yes, Alderman Kelley yes, Alderman Hebb yes, Alderman Burget no, Alderman Spotloe yes, motion carried.
 - f. Closed Session, approve October 23, 2018 closed session minutes - table

CLOSED SESSION: No closed session

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Burget made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.; Seconded by Alderman Clark motion carried all ayes.

Cindy Goddard, City Clerk