

## LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE March 12, 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, and Mayor Elmer Littlefield. Also present: Wendy Martin from the Fulton Democrat, City Clerk Cindy Goddard, City Treasurer Debby Brown, Public Works Director Gary Shawgo, City Attorney Nathan Collins, Kim Pascal, Kendall Miller, Karen King, George Merkle, Robbie Beyers, Harold Pratt, and Billie Simmons. Barton Brown arrived at 6:36 p.m. **ABSENT:** Alderman John Spotloe

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM** by Mayor Elmer Littlefield

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

Alderman Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2019, second by Alderman Clark roll call vote, the motion carried all ayes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Debbie Brown.

Alderman Kelley made a motion to approve the treasurer's report for January 2019; second by Alderman Hebb roll call vote motion carried all ayes.

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:**

Harold Pratt stated that his water pipe froze and broke at his rental house. The bill is over \$400.00. Mayor Littlefield told him usually a person pays \$50.00 a month plus their regular bill. Motion made and approved to let him pay \$50.00 a month plus his monthly bill till paid.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Attorney Nathan Collins. Nothing at this time.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance – Alderman Clark: Nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderman Burget: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Foxall: Nothing to report.

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Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe absent.

Alderman Trever Kelley wants to discuss agreement between Lewistown school district and city. What has transpired so far. The School decided it was time for resource officer, so they formed a committee, decided on a certain person that was not a police officer so this person couldn't carry a fire arm in the school. Ms. Davis (superintendent) contacted Mayor plus the County. No extra police officers on either force. Trever met with Ms. Davis explained that he agreed they need an officer at school. An agreement was sent to school from Attorney Collins already. No total agreement has been made at this time. Trever stated that he was told that the mayor said he did not think they needed an officer at school. Ms. Davis says they will pay 100% for this officer.

Mayor Littlefield stated that he NEVER said they did not need an officer. Mayor stated that the negotiations are still going on between the city attorney, mayor and chief of police. No final draft has been made at this time. Attorney Collins said these meetings did start several months ago and agreements. After second meeting a draft was made of an agreement. One issue is the person they picked was not qualified. We are at a point now and it was a pushback, that the school only wants to pay half and can't agree on who to hire. The city has to make sure it is worth while for the city to hire someone to do only 20 hours a week at the school. Alderman Burget wants a copy of the Limestone School agreement of their resource officer. Attorney Collins will get that to him and offered him a copy of the DRAFT agreement. Alderman Burget said he only needed the Limestone School agreement.

Water – Mayor Littlefield: Nothing to report.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Alderman Hebb: Nothing to report. Sally Clark said American Legion celebrating 100th anniversary at the Visitors Center this coming Saturday. They will have a presentation of the last 100 years. It starts at 2:00 p.m. would like citizens of Lewistown to be their.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Discuss/Approve Ice Guys LLS (Barton Brown & Kevin Gilson) water tap – a lot of study of this since last meeting. If they have water tap would need to annex into city per Mayor Littlefield. City property of VFW area would be contiguous to the city already. Figured out that if they get water tap then the fairgrounds would need to annex into the city. Barton Brown said they did not want to find another spot. EPA says they cannot tie into storm sewer it would be a 4 to 6 months waiting period to get OK'd also a \$1,000.00 a year fee to the EPA. The sanitary sewer is thru the city, they can tie into it with the variance. Per Mr. Brown his understanding is giving a variance is for an exception to the rule. It

would go in front of the zoning board for a variance for an exception to the ordinance. Alderman Burget said he would personally help Mr. Brown to get this variance, he (Sheldon) wants to meet with Attorney and Barton Brown. Kendall Miller asked if a variance be with county not city? Per Nathan it would have to be the city. Alderman Burget he wants to see the ordinance. Zoning board meeting before next council meeting at 6:00 if need.

- b. Discuss/Approve John Beyer's water line repair and IEPA ruling - Keith Plavec reported to us that the county regulates the service lines. Gary Shawgo (public works director) attended a meeting where it was discussed that more than one user on a service line needs appropriate curb stops (shut offs) for each user. EPA itself has nothing to do with the service lines. At this time we keep the same, but in future when breaks happen the household has to fix the problem. Canton makes the households pay for the shut offs. Application for water tap fee if new household. If someone wants a tap and they are on another service line they are responsible for that person's line and charges or contamination if any occurs. The city is ONLY responsible for the water main.
- c. Discuss/Approve Ordinance Relating to Installation and Maintenance of Potable Water Service Lines - Table at this time to rewrite.
- d. Discuss final decision on 401/IMRF retirement plan – Mayor Littlefield went to seminar today. Problem is that the general assembly has not revised the pension code at this time. The city cannot offer the 401 at this time only the IMRF.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discuss Potholes in Central School Road – George Merkle presented 3 options for repair of Central School Road - The city got the hot machine and got the road repaired temporally at this time. Used the hot machine for a couple of days to fix some of the holes. Mr. Merkle explained that the road has a poor base that has a lot of cracks, also has the subdivision past the road. The cracks in the pavement are caused by the buses, garbage trucks and large heavy equipment. Option1 (\$125,500.00), Option 2 (\$322,000.00) and Option 3 (\$180,000.00). No matter what option the road needs proper drainage. See attached sheet for details. About every 4 to 5 years another \$20,000.00 for seal coat. The motor fuel tax money has not had an increase since 1993, other options to get money is sell bonds, TIF, also having school help pay. Per Mayor Littlefield, we are using \$71,000.00 for streets in town to oil and chip this year. The street at this time needs completely redone, it is in very poor shape per George Merkle. The Mayor asked Gary Shawgo if we could redo the ditches, yes but be careful not to get too deep if a bus slid off it could be dangerous. There are no grants or federal dollars for roads with the state.
- b. Discuss/Approve Hach DR900 Colorimeter to sample water for \$1,436.00 - Evinn Palmer would like this for checking fluoride and chlorine in the water. We borrowed one from Canton to try, it was old but Evinn could tell a big difference.

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- Alderman Burget made a motion to purchase the Hach DR900 Colorimeter,  
second Alderman Clark roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- c. Closed Session, approve October 23, 2018 Minutes
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**CLOSED SESSION:** No closed session

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Alderman Burget made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.; Seconded by Alderman Hebb  
motion carried all ayes.

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Cindy Goddard, City Clerk