

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE May 11, 2021

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

Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials-

City Clerk, Cindy Goddard, gave Oath of Office to Mayor Doug Lafary.

Mayor Doug Lafary gave Oath of Office to City Clerk, Cindy Goddard

City Clerk Goddard gave Oath of Office to Treasurer, Debbra Brown;
Aldersperson Sally Clark; Aldersperson Kendall W. Miller; and Aldersperson John M. Spotloe.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Aldersperson Sally Clark, Trever Kelley, Kendall Miller, Kim Pascal, John Spotloe and Mayor Doug Lafary. Also present: City Clerk Cindy Goddard, City Treasurer Debby Brown, Public Works Director Evinn Palmer, and City Attorney Nathan Collins.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Doug Lafary

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard.

Aldersperson Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of April 27, 2021, second by Aldersperson Clark, the motion carried all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown. Nothing to report.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS: Per Mayor Lafary next time all bills will be viewed and initialed by all aldermen and approved at the end of the meeting.

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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:

Elmer Littlefield, a few things to say regarding Grigsby TIF after listening to the recording I was being accused of talking to the Attorney and changing and adding to the TIF agreement which is an offense. I did not talk to the attorney after the agreement was voted on. Mr. Littlefield then asked Aldersperson Clark if she was contacted before meeting by Jodi Grigsby. I would assume that you could have talked to Cindy Goddard before the meeting to straighten this out before the meeting. Then he expressed that Kent Grigsby is not a contractor and does not have a FEIN number. It was said previously by the council that the owners do not get paid for their labor. Jodi Grigsby said that they did not want to get paid for labor only the electrician and plumber. She said that attorney did

send her an email that said that the agreement was changed by an elected official the day after the meeting. Her agreement did say that no labor was to be paid. Mayor thanked them for their comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderperson Clark: Nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderperson Spotloe: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderperson Miller: Nothing to report.

Police/ESDA – Alderperson Lafary:

Water – : No report.

Utilities/Publications – Alderperson Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderperson Kelley: Summer coming, have been contacted about yards need mowed. Maybe need zoning officer. On next agenda. Cindy Goddard told him some residences have been contacted. Mayor Lafary said that maybe contact your neighbor and find out why not mowed, maybe help them.

Tourism – Alderman Pascal: Meeting on Saturday May 15, for the 200th Anniversary at 2:00 p.m. at Visitors Center. She encourages everyone to attend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve Ordinance for Amendment clarifying TIF Redevelopment Agreement between Jodi Grigsby and The City of Lewistown – Nic Nelson explained the Ordinance Amendment regarding the labor getting paid to the contractors. Alderperson Miller again said that no elected official singly has the power to can change a TIF agreement. Nic also said the developers signed the agreements as written. (Handed out prior to meeting). Motion by Alderperson Spotloe to approve the Ordinance for the Amendment on TIF Redevelopment Agreement between Jodi Grigsby and The City of Lewistown, second by Alderperson Clark roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
2. Discuss/Approve Ordinance for Amendment clarifying TIF Redevelopment Agreement between Preston Bainter and The City of Lewistown - Motion by Alderperson Spotloe to approve the Ordinance for the Amendment on TIF Redevelopment Agreement between Preston Bainter and The City of Lewistown, second by Alderperson Clark, roll call vote motion carried all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve Appointment of Brad Ward as Alderman of Ward 2 – Motion by Alderperson Miller to approve Appointment of Brad Ward as Alderman of Ward

- 2, second by Alderperson Spotloe, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes. City Clerk Cindy Goddard gives Oath of Office to appointed Brad Ward.
2. Kenny Haacke and Jeannie Haacke (Volunteer Citizens Group) **Christmas Memorial Trees in the Park**- Memorial Christmas Trees, Individuals and businesses can purchase and decorate their own Christmas trees. Kenney said other towns do this and they are beautiful. Our town looks very good and this will add.
 3. Amanda Smith (Volunteer Citizens Group) **Citizens for the Betterment of Lewistown** – You can contact her on Facebook.
 4. Discuss/Approve paying Invoice to Illinois River Road National Scenic Byway for \$500.00 – Cindy Goddard said maybe we can advertise the 200th Anniversary on there and Music in the Park. Have belonged since 2018. Motion by Alderperson Miller to pay the Invoice in the amount of \$500.00 to Illinois River Road National Scenic Byway, second by Alderperson Clark, roll call vote motion carried all ayes.

Shane Smith pastor of the United Methodist Church and Penny Frame paster from the Presbyterian church present. Penny Frame said a prayer.

Mayor Lafary explained that City Hall is back open doors unlocked at 8:00 a.m. in morning no masks required.

Town Hall meeting in Canton at the old Big Racks on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. regarding the new 3653 Police Bill that takes effect July 1, 2021. Everyone needs to attend per Alderperson Brad Ward, it is going to affect everyone.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderperson Clark made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.; Seconded by Alderperson Spotloe motion carried all ayes.


Cindy Goddard, City Clerk