

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE July 13, 2021

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

Invocation – Mrs. Munson

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Alderperson Sally Clark, Brad Ward, Kendall Miller, Kim Pascal, and Mayor Doug Lafary. Also present: City Clerk Cindy Goddard, City Treasurer Debby Brown, and Public Works Director Evinn Palmer. ABSENT: Alderman John Spotloe and Trever Kelley.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Doug Lafary

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard. Nothing to report.
Alderperson Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of June 22, 2021, second by Alderperson Clark the motion carried all ayes.

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

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. Absent.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/Insurance/Zoning – Alderperson Clark: Nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderperson Spotloe: Absent.

Street & Alley – Alderperson Miller: Nothing to report.

Police/ESDA – Alderperson Ward: Sheriff Standard wants to thank the police department for helping with the escapees from the Fulton County Jail.

Water – Alderperson Miller: Regarding the Scovill Lane project at this time needs some agreements to be approved and get the engineer to finish project. Needs committee meeting and a special council meeting. Requested on Tuesday July 20, 2021 at 6:00 for water committee meeting and Special City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. to finalize the Scovill Lane project. Make sure city engineer Keith Plavec is here to attend meeting and land owners.

Utilities/Publications – Alderperson Kelley: Absent.

Public Buildings and Grounds – Alderperson Kelley: Absent.

Tourism – Alderman Pascal: Last weekend for the 200th Celebration went very well and thank everyone that helped. Another bicentennial meeting for the future, next year to be bigger and better. Billie Simmons thanked the city for all the help. Mayor Lafary said they should have more events outside. Billie said we can only have three according to the ordinance. Mayor explained that we can change ordinance from limiting 3 events to more.

Tax Increment Financing – Alderperson Spotloe: Absent. TIF 101 class before meeting.

Citizens Committee – Amanda Smith submitting two more grants for funding. One for the Narrow-Gauge RR. and operating funds for Blacksmith Shop. There is a group that met for yard of the month club, they are interested in upkeep of City of Lewistown. Six or seven people to do property clean up. Trying to come up with some funds to do a cleanup day. Ms. Smith said there is a Central IL Foundation for special grants of special event funding. Still trying to get funding for lighting. Mayor Lafary wants on agenda to determine funds for all town clean up. John Lemon from Canton is someone we may be able to contact. He is \$385.00 for an eight-ton truck. Maybe this will be affordable. He can furnish 2 trucks. Get volunteers to fill the trucks. Maybe have people sign up in advance to see what we are dealing with. Put announcement on water bills, social media, and put out fliers. Amanda will find out exactly what Mr. Lemon will take for the whole job. Maybe flat rate to Lemon and pay the landfill. Can also make it open for donations.

WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Evinn Palmer handed out a report (see attached) and went over it for June, 2021 providing record of repairs, conditions and services. Thought this would be good for everyone to understand what all is done. Alderman agreed it was very nice.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve TIF application for Healing Springs Cottage (Jean Jockisch) owner of building Billie Simmons - Jean was ill tonight will approach council regarding her business at a later time to talk about the business explained Billie Simmons. She would like half grant and half 5-year forgivable loan. So \$16,416.81 grant and \$16,416.81 five-year forgivable loan. Understands if she doesn't stay open five years then will have to pay back that portion when not open. Alderperson Miller made a motion for \$32,833.62 being half as grant and half in the five-year forgivable loan, second by Alderperson Pascal, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve transfer of Liquor License from A.C. Beer & Bait to Lewistown Mart, LLC –There was a Liquor Commission Meeting on July 7, 2021 and they approved the transfer of liquor license from A.C. Beer & Bait to Lewistown Mart, LLC. Motion by Alderperson Ward and second by Alderperson Clark, to approve transfer of Liquor License from A.C. Beer & Bait to Lewistown Mart, LLC. Roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
2. Discuss/Approve putting Water Meter Loan out for new bids – for lower rate – If we can get it down 1 point, we can save the first year \$4,000.00. Motion by Alderperson Clark, to put Water Meter Loan out for new bids to get a lower rate, second by Alderperson Ward, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
3. Discuss/Approve new meter for Waste Water – This meter does daily flows at waste water plant explained Evinn Palmer. The old meter has not been registering correctly. Estimate from Koener Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$5,310.00. Motion by Alderperson Miller, to approve purchasing a new flow meter in the amount of \$5,310.00 from Koener Electric, Inc., second by Alderperson Clark, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

CLOSED SESSION: No closed session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderperson Clark made a motion to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.; Seconded by Alderperson Pascal motion carried all ayes.



Cindy Goddard, City Clerk