

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DATE March 22, 2022

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 by Shane Smith

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Alderperson Sally Clark, Jim Long, Brad Ward, Kendall Miller, Kim Pascal, John Spotloe and Mayor Doug Lafary. Also present: City Clerk Cindy Goddard, Public Works Director Evinn Palmer, and City Attorney Nathan Collins. ABSENT: City Treasurer Deb Brown

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Doug Lafary

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard.

Alderperson Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting and the TIF Meeting of March 8, 2022, second by Alderperson Clark, the motion carried all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown. Absent.  
February treasurer's report handed out.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. In unfinished business.

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: Nothing to report.

Streets & Allies – Alderperson Miller: Nothing to report.

Police/ESDA – Alderperson Ward: The City has received a few applications for the police department.

Water – Alderperson Miller: Nothing to report.

Utilities/Publications – Alderperson Long: Nothing to report.

Public Buildings & Grounds – Alderperson Long: Still working on previous items.

Tourism – Alderman Pascal: Nothing to report.

Tax Increment Financing – Alderperson Spotloe: Will be discussed later in meeting.

Citizens Committee – Amanda Smith – Did not attend meeting.

Christmas Committee - Kenny Haacke absent. Cindy Goddard reminded everyone about the Chalk paint party this coming Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> with 16 signed up. Downtown Christmas meeting is Monday night the 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the Visitors Center for anyone that wants to attend.

WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Evinn Palmer Director – All Main Street lights are LED now. Getting stuff ready for different projects and waiting on Darin with Maguire Tower for quote. Mayor Lafary said

he wants a house on North Main to be condemned and tore down. Alderperson Long mentioned that the Malott house that burned needs torn down also.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve TIF application for Lewistown Mart – The aldermen have the quotes from the owners. They are also waiting on another quote for parking lot to see if cheaper. Alderperson Miller made a motion for Lewistown Mart to get a grant of \$30,000.00 and a 5-year forgiveness loan of \$35,000, if not staying open 5 years they will pay back the difference, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
2. Discuss/Approve new Ordinance for Non-Highway Vehicles – Alderperson Miller has problem sticker inside of triangle, feels sticker should be on vehicle not triangle, a person can just take off the slow-moving sign and move it to another vehicle. Wants everyone to have a sticker and insurance not fair if some have and some don't. All agree with that, and that is left in the hands of the police to enforce. All agree that a ticket should be issued if no insurance and sticker. When new vehicle is bought need it inspected and a new sticker issued. Alderperson Miller made a motion to approve the new Ordinance for Non-Highway Vehicles, second by Alderperson Long, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve Raising Recycling Charges – Currently each person pays \$8.00. If we add \$1.00 it breaks even. Motion by Alderperson Pascal to keep the same no increase, no second, motion died. The city loses between \$150.00 and \$200.00 every month because enough people are not signed up to pay for the contract. Need 165, the city pays \$1320.00 a month for the recycling contract and we have never had that since recycling has started. Alderperson Miller made motion to table till next meeting, second by Alderperson Spotloe. Opposed by Alderperson Ward, we just need to raise it because it was talked about six months ago. Maybe add to back of water bill to make people aware. Cindy Goddard will put on Facebook to make people aware and try to get some people to sign up.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

Alderperson Spotloe made a motion to approve all bills properly endorsed; Seconded by Alderperson Clark 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 Miller, motion carried all ayes.

  
Cindy Goddard, City Clerk