

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE July 12, 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: Howard Love

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

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Doug Lafary

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard. Josh Mercer is going to continue with the neighborhood rehab. Longest process is mailing and income survey. Amanda Smith is going to help Josh with this.

Alderperson Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of June 28, 2022, second by Alderperson Pascal the motion carried all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown. May and June Treasurers Reports given to Alderman.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. Jake Snowman has joined Collins and Collins Law Office hired starting August 1. He may come to some of the meetings instead of Nathan Collins.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS: Bill Bradley, problem still on Adams Street, regarding the house close to him the mess is getting bigger and bigger up to George Cox back yard now.

Billie Simmons owns the Rocket here to see if on Euclid Street outside where parking spots are making that seating, wants to make it level with sidewalk, take parking away, add fence, may be an issue with the alcohol license per Attorney Collins. She wants to keep sidewalk open and serve food and alcohol outside taking parking spaces only. It needs to be completely fenced in according to our ordinance. Table at this time.

Prior Police Chief Werland wanted to thank everyone. Resignation letter was handed out to Alderman and Mayor. Everyone wished him good luck with his new job as History Teacher.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Sewer – Alderperson Spotloe: Absent, nothing.

Streets & Allies – Alderperson Miller: Nothing to report.

Police/ESDA – Alderperson Ward: Nothing to report.

Water – Alderperson Miller: Nothing at this time.

Utilities/Publications – Alderperson Long: Nothing for this.

Public Buildings & Grounds – Alderperson Long: Boys are weed eating and cleaning up everything looks good; they do a great job. Alderperson Clark wanted to know when clean-up day will be. Put on agenda next meeting to vote on day. September 19 looks like a good day, wanted before Scenic Drive and cooler weather. All town yard sales was discussed. Next year Fulton County will be 200 years old, need to do something. Also, Clark said VFW and American Legion got together out at the Cemetery the cannon has been cleaned, has been sand blasted and repainted. Trees are down at Courthouse looks great. The Amish redid the wheels and they are back on look beautiful. Also, a new plaque on flag, and eagle repainted. The cement bench was cleaned previously, all looks very nice. Everyone needs to go drive thru cemetery and look at it.

Tourism – Alderman Pascal: Fish Fry (60 pounds of fish) and MIP was a success. 4th of July went well, a large bike parade. Around 100 kids. Fair at end of month. Blue Grass music this Thursday.

Tax Increment Financing – Alderperson Spotloe: Absent.

Citizens Committee – Amanda Smith explained to councilmen that we did not get Block Grant for the Arnett Park hopefully next year. Presently working with Bruce Weirauch, to get a grant for the WWII mural, was denied because not a 501c3 organization, wants to partner with Lewistown Historical Society if can use their 501c3 as fiscal agent.

Christmas Committee - Kenny Haacke nothing right now.

WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Evinn Palmer Director working on oil and chip program, cutting ditches, and need to haul sludge. Mayor Lafary asked about sink hole on Main across from Dollar General, Evinn said they will get to it soon where electrical and everything was bored goes to the west.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve paying Medicare payment for Cindy Goddard – Alderman Long put this on agenda, said that Cindy had reached age for Medicare so opted out of city insurance plan. This is saving the city a lot of money. Would like to pay for her Medicare payment of \$170.00 a month. Goddard interrupted and thanked Alderman Long for suggesting the city do this. Said that Canton has an employee policy that may work, if a full-time employee opts out of the health insurance, then they get paid \$250.00 a quarter for not taking the insurance. She explained at this time it would only be Cindy Havens and her and there is already enough budgeted for that. Cindy Havens has always been on her husband's insurance. Could make it effective May 1, 2022. Attorney Collins then spoke, nothing illegal about offering benefits to employees, he said maybe have two

options one for full-time employees on regular health insurance taxed, and one for full-time employees on Medicare pre-taxed. Attorney Collins will draw up a proposal to discuss. Table till next meeting.

2. Discuss/Approve Resolution for closing Main Street for Homecoming Parade September 30, 2022 - Motion by Alderperson Clark to approve the closing of Main Street for Homecoming Parade September 30, 2022 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., second Alderperson Pascal motion passed all in favor.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

CLOSED SESSION: No closed session

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderperson Ward made a motion to adjourn at 7:04 p.m.; Seconded by Alderperson Miller motion carried all ayes.


Cindy Goddard, City Clerk