

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DATE November 8, 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: Mayor Lafary

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

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM** by Mayor Doug Lafary

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

Alderperson Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of October 25, 2022, second by Alderperson Pascal all ayes, the motion carried.

Closed session minutes handed out, Alderperson Ward made a motion to approve the closed session minutes of October 25, 2022, second by Alderperson Long all ayes, the motion carried.

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

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Attorney Nathan Collins. Nothing

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:**

George Cox handed out a list of signatures he had collected regarding the Ricky Negley property on Adams Street that needs cleaned up. He would like the Alderman to sign the petition also. Would like a few other yards that have a lot of junk in them to clean them up also. Not anything against the alderman or mayor but something needs done. His mom Sue Negley attended the meeting, she told her son she is getting a dumpster to clean up the yard. He is a hoarder and she knows that he should not live like that and that the yard needs cleaned up. Everyone thanked her.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance/Insurance/Zoning – Alderperson Clark: At Finance meeting discussed no increase in tax levy.

Sewer – Alderperson Spotloe: Absent

Streets & Allies – Alderperson Miller: If people clean up their yard and burn leaves, please have fire out before 5:00 p.m., or maybe take them to the city dump and let city employees burn them. Alderwomen Clark talked to Art Jones; said we need to drag gravel back in on Catholic Cemetery Road. Gravel has worked of the road and creating small holes.

Police/ESDA – Alderperson Ward: Nothing to report.

Water – Alderperson Miller: Nothing new to report.

Utilities/Publications – Alderperson Long: Nothing to report.

Public Buildings & Grounds – Alderperson Long: Front door at the Visitors Center needs worked on. Can't get open and shut, cement raised up so getting an estimate to get it fixed, also getting estimate to resurface the floor in the kitchen. That is on November 16.

Tourism – Alderman Pascal: Movie Night at Visitors Center on November 17. Kendall will show the New Jurassic World Movie. The American Legion women will have cookies to sell.

Tax Increment Financing – Alderperson Spotloe: Absent.

Citizens Committee – Amanda Smith nothing new tonight.

Christmas Committee - Kenny Haacke getting the Christmas trees from Farm King on the 17<sup>th</sup>, sold 25 so far. Met with Santa (Bill Breckenridge) and he has started the memorial plaques. Next Christmas meeting is the 14<sup>th</sup>, then on December 1 will fill the candy bags and go over final plans.

**WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Evinn Palmer Director said regarding the use of the ARPA fund money we have been working on prioritizing what is most important in the water department.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discuss/Approve Tax Levy Ordinance – Tabled till next meeting, draft not ready.


**PRESENTATION OF BILLS:**

Alderperson Miller 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 Miller made a motion to adjourn at 6:47 p.m.; Seconded by Alderperson Clark motion carried all ayes.

  
Cindy Goddard, City Clerk

LEWISTOWN FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
November 7, 2022

The Lewistown Finance Committee Meeting took place in the Lewistown City Council Room.

PRESENT: Mayor Doug Lafary, Alderwoman Sally Clark, City Treasurer Deb Brown, Accountant Beka Schultz and City Clerk Cindy Goddard.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Alderwoman Sally Clark

Accountant stated that we are getting Tax levy ready has to be presented twice to the council and available for public to view. The total amount of budget for all corporate purposes legally made to be collected from the tax levy of the current fiscal year is the sum of \$157,950.00. The city tax rate was .8377 percent. This money supports the General Fund according to City Clerk. Mayor Lafary does not want to increase, people are hurting right now, does not want to increase property taxes. City Clerk was asked if everything with budget ok, yes city doing fine. Went over what we pay taxed on, such as school district 97, township, college, fire department just a few. Can stay the same if want Beka said. City Clerk had heard that if city does not raise tax levy then sometimes the state uses that against the city when grants are given out. Accountant does not know if that is true. Alderman Clark does not want to increase either. Accountant will get the draft of the Ordinance ready for the November 22 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.