

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE January 24, 2023

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: Pastor Paul Walmsley

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

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Doug Lafary

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard.

Alderperson Long made a motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2023, second by Alderperson Miller roll call vote, the motion carried all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown. Absent.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. Regarding the property at 627 N Main the owners have been served on January 10, so if no response by February 9 the deadline, the city can demolish.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS: No one

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: Absent

Water – Alderperson Miller: Melrose Lane has no boil order now.

Utilities/Publications – Alderperson Long: Nothing to report.

Public Buildings & Grounds – Alderperson Long: Floor was looked at by Clifton Randall in the Visitors Center, no estimate yet.

Tourism – Alderman Pascal: Absent

Tax Increment Financing – Alderperson Spotloe: Had Joint Review Meeting previously.

Citizens Committee – No Amanda Smith

Christmas Committee – No Kenny Haacke

WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT — Evinn Palmer Public Works Director - Melrose Lane had water main break and now Main and Lincoln has a water leak that can't be find. Evinn has called someone to come help locate the leak this week. The whole inside of the Waste Water plant is getting painted. Alderperson Clark would like to have some gravel put in alley behind the Catholic Church.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Act Upon Body Cameras and Tasers for the Police Department - Chief Merrill spoke with insurance man about the grants, we have been ok'd checks will be presented for half about \$3200.00. Taser good for 5 years present one is 5 years old now. Old one can be a backup. Body Cam's good for court cases and the County suggest we get them as a security measure. Full warranty and training is included in the price. Charges for the recordings are not covered in the grant, they will be kept for two or more years. Camera automatic turns on when gun shot or if another one comes on. Stored digitally. Same as county. Alderperson Miller suggest that the police committee meet before the council vote, Alderperson Long agreed. Wait till Alderperson Ward gets back. Table till next meeting.
2. Discuss/Act Upon Quote for Visitors Center Kitchen floor – Table at this time, no quote received from Clifton Randall.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Act Upon payment of the Personal Property Replacement Taxes (PPRT) to the Library - The amount almost doubled his year because of estimated tax payments for Partnerships and S-Corporations, an Act that passed in 2021. They are receiving \$12,203.23 this year. Alderperson Long made a motion to pay the Lewistown Library the Personal Property Replacement Tax in the amount of \$12,203.23, second by Alderperson Clark, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

Alderperson Miller 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 Miller made a motion to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.; motion carried all ayes.



Cindy Goddard City Clerk