

## LEWISTOWN FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING November 6, 2023

The Lewistown Finance committee met in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on November 6, 2023.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: President Sally Clark, Alderperson John Spotloe and Brad Ward, David Levingston, Public Works Director Evinn Palmer, Accountant Beka Schultz, also Cindy Goddard City Clerk. Absent: Mayor Doug Lafary

### BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Tax Levy – Beka Schultz accountant explains the tax levy ordinance percentage rated can be up to 5% increase. Examples of increase at 2% it would be \$4,350.00 then at 5% it would be almost \$11,000.00. Discussion with having the extra money in the general fund right now they should not increase the tax. Current tax amounts are levied for corporate is 24%, IMRF 25%, Police 63%, Audit 15%, Liability 16%, Civil Defense 2%, SS 17%, Work comp insurance .15%, total current rate 78%. Alderperson Levingston said one incident when road commission that because they had not been increasing tax, he was not eligible to get a grant. Motion by Chairperson Clark second by Alderperson Spotloe to suggest to council a 0% increase, will approve on the November 14, then vote on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December then take to court house to file.
2. Aclara New Programming Fees – Fees handed out to the committee, cost is \$8,209.50, with an additional annual fee of \$1,440.00 a year. The salesman for Aclara is coming to meeting on November 14, he said to give him 90 days to resolve all the issues such at larger meters not sending read, no on demand reads and some towers not tall enough. This price is good till December 31. Will be on agenda for November 14 council meeting.
3. Discuss using ARPA money for repair of Avenue E hill – Hill is getting worse, very bumpy from large trucks, semis going over it, got quote form Tazewell County Asphalt Company, they will mill out then lay a 3-inch asphalt. Quotes are for 130' at \$24,600.00, 260' at \$34,650.00, and 540' for \$64,500.00. Other local companies Evinn Palmer contacted are closed up for the year already. Evinn would like to do now. This company can do this fall. Motion to suggest to council to mill out and lay the 3-inch asphalt, on the 540' motion by Alderperson Spotloe and second by Alderperson Ward.

Motion for Adjournment at 9:45 by President Sally Clark.

  
Cindy Goddard, City Clerk