

LEWISTOWN TIF COMMITTEE MEETING
DATE Tuesday November 28, 2023
LEWISTOWN CITY HALL, 6:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Alderperson David Levingston, Alderperson Kendall Miller, and Mayor Doug Lafary called meeting to order. Chairperson Spotloe arrived 6:20 p.m.

BUSINESS TO DISCUSS: TIF application from Lewistown Society for Historic Preservation. Phil Baldwin from the Historical, said this application is for gutters soffit, fascia and down spouts for Rasmusson Blacksmith Shop and the Narrow Gauge Railroad Depot. The reason they need these is because they are soft brick buildings, and the water run down the building and deteriorates the brick. We are a 501c3 not for profit organization. On the Blacksmith Shop brick work was done costing around \$70,000,00, we have the new windows and putting in new doors now. The Liability Insurance is over \$400.00 a month and is paid with donations. Next year going to sell some stuff they make in the Blacksmith shop to help pay bills. Estimate is \$13,508.15 from Restoration Builders of Illinois. Mayor Lafary believes we need to preserve the buildings because they are historical. Alderperson Levingston said we usually grant half. Alderperson Miller want to grant the entire amount.

Alderperson Miller moved to suggest to the council to grant the full amount of \$13,508.15, second by Chairperson Spotloe. Chairperson Spotloe closed the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE November 28, 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 Walmsley

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Alderperson Sally Clark, Brad Ward, Kendall Miller, David Levingston, John Spotloe and Mayor Doug Lafary. Also present: City Clerk Cindy Goddard, City Treasurer Debby Brown, Public Works Director Evinn Palmer, Police Chief Chris Ford and City Attorney Nathan Collins. ABSENT: Alderperson Jim Long.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Doug Lafary

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard.

Alderperson Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of November 14, 2023, second by Alderperson Miller, the motion carried all ayes.

Report- Nothing tonight.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown.

October 2023 Treasurer's Report handed out to Aldermen.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. Working with Cindy Goddard regarding the new paid time off policy taking effect January 1.

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 Levingston: Last group sold tractor and mower, now they make a mower to fit on the excavator. It will be on next agenda.

Police/ESDA – Alderperson Ward: Has report from Chris Ford.

Water – Alderperson Miller: Later on agenda regarding Aclara.

Utilities/Publications – Alderperson Long: Nothing to report.

Public Buildings & Grounds – Alderperson Long:

Tourism – Alderman Miller: Later on agenda.

Tax Increment Financing – Alderperson Spotloe: Later on agenda.

Citizens Committee – Amanda Sutphen absent needs to get budget from Keith Plavec, then can send in to get the grant money for water.

Christmas Committee - Kenny Haacke 70 Christmas memorial trees, Saturday is the Parade bringing in Santa and lighting of the trees. PetSmart donated 150 stuffed animals for Santa to hand out.

WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Evinn Palmer Director absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Act Upon Aclara New Programming Fees – Alderperson Levingston said we have to do this so might as well vote on it. Motion by Alderperson Levingston to approve the Aclara Programming Fees for the new program, second by Alderperson Spotloe, roll call vote, Alderperson Clark yes, Ward, yes, Miller no, Levingston yes and Spotloe yes, motion carried.
2. Discuss/Act Upon voting on approving Tax Levy Ordinance – Motion by Alderperson Spotloe, to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance, second by Alderperson Clark, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
3. Discuss/Act Upon approving Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust Renewal - Motion by Alderperson Spotloe, to approve the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust

Renewal without adding sales tax coverage, second by Alderperson Miller, roll call vote motion carried all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Act Upon closing West Lincoln for Protection so Pratt's can work on Roof of Building week of December 4 – Tara from Pratt's Furniture said that there was tornado damage from April 4 on the old Bridal Store, the contractor wants to close the 200 block of West Lincoln to prevent any damage to any cars. Motion by Alderperson Clark, second by Alderperson Ward, to close the 200 block of West Lincoln while roof is repaired during week of December 4, maybe front sidewalk also if needed, Evinn Palmer to put barricades at 7:00 p.m. on Monday December 4.
2. Discuss/Act Upon Setting a Rent fee for the Visitors Center to help cover Expenses – Can't charge rent, can call it maintenance fee or user fee. Decided not to charge, City Clerk may charge for key use, then return it when key returned.
3. Discuss/Act Upon TIF application for Lewistown Society for Historic Preservation – TIF meeting previously, committee recommended full amount of \$13,508.15 for gutters, soffit and fascia for the Narrow Gauge RR and the Blacksmith Shop. Alderperson Miller made a motion to approve the TIF application for the Lewistown Society for Historic Preservation in the amount of \$13,508.15, second by Alderperson Clark, roll call vote motion carried all ayes.
4. Discuss/Act Upon Approval for hiring Full Time Police Officer – Applicant from Cayden Brooks, he is scheduled to take power test on December 5, PTI is scheduled for January 7, 2024. The discussion regarding PTI plus wages for new full time police officers sign a promissory note for the 16 weeks wages to help prevent them from leaving as soon as they get out of school. Motion by Alderperson Ward, second by Alderperson Clark to approve hiring Cayden Brooks as full-time officer candidate, roll call vote.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

CLOSED SESSION: No closed session

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderperson Miller made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.; motion carried all ayes.


Cindy Goddard, City Clerk