

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE April 11, 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 Walmsly

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: Alderman John Spotloe

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Doug Lafary

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard. No report.
Alderperson Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of March 28, 2023, second by Alderperson Long, the motion carried all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown. Absent.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. Absent.

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: Absent

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 to report.

Public Buildings & Grounds – Alderperson Long: Nothing.

Tourism – Alderman Pascal: Nothing at this time.

Tax Increment Financing – Alderperson Spotloe: Absent

Citizens Committee – Amanda Sutphen not present.
Christmas Committee - Kenny Haacke the fund raiser was a couple weeks ago.
Around \$2750.00 was raised. No more meetings till fall.

WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Evinn Palmer Director since last meeting had another water leak on S. VanBuren right down from last one. Today started on some dirt work filling in holes, a lot of trees to be picked up after tornado. Sewer last week on Avenue L that had problems. 2004 they used sand as fill around the new sewer. Was called to use vac truck and he asked the homeowner to use flowable to fill in the hole to keep it safer. Mayor wants to commend the street department and police department for staying out all night after tornado doing clean up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

Treasurer Deb Brown arrived at 6:42 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Act Upon to Allow Keefer Financial to offer a Retirement Plan to all City Employees with no cost to the City – They supply this to City of Canton and Fulton County with this 457-retirement plan, no 10% penalty when a person withdraws the money. Can be pretax or post tax. This plan is only offered to local governments. No cost to the city to be offered to the employees, just need approval from city council. Motion by Alderperson Ward to approve allowing Keefer Financial to offer a 457-retirement plan to all City Employees, second by Alderperson Long, roll call vote motion carried all ayes.
2. Discuss/Act Upon the Service Agreement between CliftonLarsonAllen LLP and the City of Lewistown – Alderperson Clark stated they were doing a good job for the city; thinks we should keep them. Alderperson Miller made a motion to approve the agreement between the City of Lewistown and CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, second by Alderperson Long, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
3. Discuss FY 24 Budget (first viewing) – A \$140,181.00 deficit on the budget. According to Beka Schultz, some tax revenue is going to be down. We increased some capital expenses, added property demo and another truck for public works. A decrease in MFT funds and took out the seal coat project for this year to let account build up. All Aldermen had copies of budget to take home and look at.

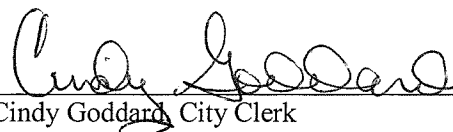
PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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 Long made a motion to adjourn at 6:51 p.m.; Seconded by Alderperson Clark motion carried all ayes.


Cindy Goddard City Clerk