

PUBLIC HEARING FOR LEWISTOWN APPROPRIATION BUDGET FY 22

April 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

The City Council met in the council chambers for the appropriation budget meeting. This budget runs from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 for FY 22. Beka Schultz with CliftonLarsonAllen said the budget looks fairly good compared to last year. A surplus in most funds. A trend statewide that gaming revenue is down significantly, and we will not be able to recover what we lost. Also, other revenue that will be down is police and waste water, Chief Werland would like a sergeant position added. According to Mayor Littlefield historically the Chief and Public Works receive the same pay. Employees to receive a \$1.00 raise included in budget. Minimum wage went up \$11.00 in January it will go up again. Mayor Littlefield commented that all did a great job getting this put together, and worked hard putting it together. The Public Works Director Evinn Palmer has broken down more line items and has worked hard on this. Alderperson Clark asked about the Cure money and that is already added in as revenue in the General Fund if it has to be used in a specific way. Yes, and that is already included in the revenue in General Fund being paid in two deposits one in FY 22 and the other in FY23. Present was Mayor Elmer Littlefield Jr., Alderperson Miller, Alderperson Clark, Beka Schultz, with CLA, Treasurer Debbie Brown (on Zoom), and City Clerk Cindy Goddard. Adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE April 27, 2021

The Lewistown City Council met in regular session in the council chambers. Mayor Elmer Littlefield Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Alderperson Sally Clark, Doug Lafary, Kendall Miller, Kim Pascal, John Spotloe (Zoom) and Mayor Elmer Littlefield. Also Present: City Clerk Cindy Goddard, Treasurer Debbie Brown (Zoom), Public Works Director Evinn Palmer. ABSENT: Alderperson Trever Kelley

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Elmer Littlefield Jr.

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard. Nothing at this time.

Alderperson Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2021, second by Pascal Alderperson roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown. Nothing to report.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. Absent (joined at 6:35 p.m.) Stated later nothing to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Keith Plavec. Did not attend.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:

Jodi Grigsby, first of all want to thank everyone, on application guide lines she talked to attorney ahead of time before getting application, and on her agreement, it says no labor. The instructions say that labor is paid, she knows that you can't pay yourself but husband is a contractor. On application it is covered. When read ordinance it says different. She said that the Attorney said that the Lewistown guidelines are different than others. Jodi said that the attorney said he was directed by an elected official to change. You just cannot pay yourself, she said subcontractors are paid. Her agreement reads different. Mayor said that alderman had previously said that you cannot pay yourself. Mayor explained you cannot pay yourself. Doug said that Jodi is saying her agreement is different. She wants the alderman to know the application and the agreement say something different. Cindy Goddard said they have always paid the labor and it will be paid. Mayor asked why did she sign agreement before reading. Jodi said she received an email from the Attorney that said the elected officials said no labor. She feels hers is different. She is nurse so she does not understand all the legal stuff. This needs to be put on agenda so we know ahead of time to check things out explained the Mayor. Mayor Littlefield said nothing was changed after voted on. She feels that HER contract was prepared different. Cindy Goddard said the other agreement with Preston Bainter says the same, material only. Alderman Miller said that no official has the power to change anything on their own. Mayor asked if the email says official or officials. She said plural. Jodi read email over and over. Jodi told the Mayor to look into her eyes and say you did not contact the attorney after the city council meeting. Mayor Littlefield said NO I did not talk to the Attorney after the council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderperson Clark: Nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderperson Spotloe: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderperson Miller: Nothing at this time

Police/ESDA – Alderperson Lafary: Nothing to report.

Water – Mayor Littlefield: Nothing to report.

Utilities/Publications – Alderperson Kelley: Absent

Buildings & Grounds – Alderperson Kelley: Absent

Tourism – Alderperson Pascal: Music in the Park starts in June. 200th Anniversary next meeting is May 15, at 2:00 at the Visitors Center.

Public Works Report: Found a large leak out in country by Dickson Mounds Road, it was an 8-inch cast iron pipe that broke and that was filling into a pond. Losing 70 to 100,000 gallons a day It was estimated by the unaccounted-for water that it started in February, they got it fixed. The City got a bid for MFT for seal coat, that will be discussed later. Fire hydrant excel sheet in the packets presented to the alderman along with sample of map. Evinn Palmer explained the excel sheet regarding the 160 fire hydrants. Shows if painted, pipe size, date flushed and date fire hydrant made and if need replaced. Evinn told them he is making excel sheets showing water loss and water usage to present to the alderman, the water loss is getting better. Trying to get to exact number. Alderperson Lafary asked what percentage for water loss

now, Evinn said in the mid-teens to twenty. Alderperson Miller and Clark agreed glad he is on top of it. Also, the big water meters can be bought now, so will get them ordered so they are all in one shipment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve Gordon, Stockman & Waugh FY21 audit engagement letter: Mayor Littlefield explained that these are the ones we have had the last couple years. Alderperson Miller made a motion to approve the engagement letter with Gordon, Stockman & Waugh for FY21 audit, second by Alderperson Clark roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
2. Discuss/Approve Annual Appropriation Ordinance: This is the Appropriation Ordinance for FY22 budget. Appropriation meeting was at 6:00 p.m. Public Works and Chief of Police historically made the same hourly pay. Minimum wage went up \$1.75 and again it will go up in January another \$1.00. Because of this the \$1.00 raise has been added to this budget. All involved was Evinn Palmer, Cindy Goddard, Chief Werland and Mayor Littlefield helping Beka Schultz prepare the budget. Beka said the budget looks better this year than last. Cures Grant added to the revenue in General Fund. Deficient in recycling and tourism, video gaming is down because of the Covid 19 which affects the tourism. The police salaries will eat up most of the \$132,000.00 cure money received in the 1st half in FY21 and 2nd half next year. Rules change constantly how the Cure money can be spent. Motion by Alderperson Clark to approve the annual Appropriation Ordinance, second by Alderperson Pascal, roll call vote motion carried all ayes.
3. Discuss/Approve MFT Seal Coat Bids: Only one bid by IRC, Inc. from Jacksonville, Illinois. The bid was \$75,494.38 and engineer's Estimate was \$75,862.25. 5th year in row dividing town up to do tar and chip according to Mayor Littlefield. Planning on seal coating the West side this year. Alderperson Miller asked what kind of oil, not sure. The oil we use now does not bleed thru; Mayor Littlefield checked into that previously. Motion by Alderperson Clark to approve the MFT Seal Coad bid from IRC, Inc., second by Alderperson Spotloe, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderperson Clark made a motion to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.; Second by Alderperson Pascal motion carried all ayes.



Cindy Goddard, City Clerk