

## LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE April 9, 2019

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

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Aldermen Sally Clark, Trever Kelley, Jennifer Hebb, John Foxall, Sheldon Burget, and Mayor Elmer Littlefield. Also present: Wendy Martin from the Fulton Democrat, City Clerk Cindy Goddard, City Treasurer Debby Brown, Chief of Police John Werland, Jason Herrick, Kim Pascal, Kendall Miller, and Karen King. **ABSENT:** Alderman John Spotloe

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM** by Mayor Elmer Littlefield

**CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES:** Cindy Goddard.

Alderman Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2019, second by Alderman Foxall, roll call vote, the motion carried all ayes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Debbie Brown.

Alderman Foxall made a motion to approve the February Treasurer report, second by Alderman Clark, roll call vote, the motion carried all ayes.

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS:**

Alderman Hebb made a motion to approve all bills properly endorsed; second by Alderman Clark, roll call vote, the motion carried with all ayes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:** Jason Herrick stated he is going to own five buildings around the square and was wondering if he can get a façade for each building. Yes, Cindy Goddard city clerk contacted the TIF attorney and one developer can apply for multiple projects (façade grants).

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Attorney Nathan Collins - Absent

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance – Alderman Clark: Nothing to report. Alderman Sheldon Burget asked when budget would be presented. Cindy Goddard city clerk, stated getting ready to start on it, it will be the end of month or first of May when done.

Sewer – Alderman Burget: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Foxall: Review 2018 MFT Reports in packets, Alderman Burget wanted to know how much in MFT account, and was told \$126,965.60. Stated he still wants something done to the road in front of the school.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe: Absent. Chief Werland would like to purchase a new police car. Rucker is going bad among other things, should purchase something else. 2019 Ram truck is cheapest to purchase around \$26,000.00. Put on agenda next meeting. Alderman Burget asked about resource officer for school. Mayor stated still the same as last meeting, no agreement has been made. Alderman Kelley wants to thank Grady Defaw for working for the city.

Water – Mayor Littlefield: Nothing to report for water. The Mayor presented the council with a list of unexpected bills for the year. Alderman Hebb asked about the new meters regarding when they were going to be installed. Also asked about the curb stops and the people that can not afford to pay for a new one. The mayor said that most people have a curb stop or shut off and will deal with this situation when the time comes if someone can't pay. Probably most shut offs will be able to get turned off and on without a problem per the mayor.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Alderman Hebb: All town yard sales are May 4. Alderman Clark said her and her husband went out to meet Hector Corona (purchasing Epworth Springs Camp); she stated he has a lot of communications with people in Chicago. She stated it was a very nice family. They need volunteers to help clean up the grounds. He is bringing a couple of retired boxers down from Chicago to teach boxing after they open. Mr. Corona wants a day to meet the people in the area by having food, and a ribbon cutting ceremony, the women of the American Legion are going to go out for the ribbon cutting. He would also like the police department to be involved. They will have a day that contractors, boxers, electricians are there to meet with the kids to give them knowledge on different business traits. The Chamber of Commerce will have a ribbon cutting ceremony.

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Discuss/Approve Norma Edwards large water bill for payments after water break in basement. She did not attend meeting.


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b. Discuss the involvement of the City with "Music in the Park" and "Chamber of Commerce" per Alderman Burget - Karen King addressed Alderman Burget with not letting her know about putting this on the agenda. Karen stated this is the 8<sup>th</sup> year for Music in the Park, it has been very successful. Some of the fees are \$250.00 for bands and \$300.00 for food license (promotional fees). Alderman Burget put on agenda for the money to be discussed. This is a community thing per Kendal Miller; part of the 50/50 money goes to different organizations at the end of the season. Per Mayor against the law to give donations out but we can pay the fees if it is a city function. The Mayor would like the Music in the Park to continue. Amanda Woodruff stated that there is a grant that can be taken out of the tourism fund. Regarding the "Chamber of Commerce" nothing was discussed.

CLOSED SESSION: No closed session

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Hebb made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.; Seconded by Alderman Foxall motion carried all ayes.

  
Cindy Goddard, City Clerk