

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE August 11, 2015

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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Alderman Ford, Kelley, Weese, Barclay, Burget, Spotloe and Mayor R. John King. Also present: City Treasurer Debby Brown, City Clerk Cindy Goddard, Attorney Nathan Collins, John Lund and Elmer Littlefield Jr. also Tim Hebb, Jennifer Hebb, Michelle Sherman, reporter for Canton Daily Ledger, Doug Tindall, Darrell Duntelman, Phil Baldwin and Todd White.

MINUTES:

Alderman Ford made a motion to approve the city council minutes and the closed session minutes of the July 28, 2015 meeting, also the minutes of the liquor committee meeting of August 6, 2015, Seconded by Alderman Weese, the motion carried with all ayes.

CLERKS REPORT: Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nothing to report

BILLS:

Alderman Ford made a motion to approve all bills properly endorsed; Second by Alderman Weese roll call vote, the motion carried with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS: None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Nothing to report from attorney.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: No Engineer present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderman Ford: Nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderman Weese: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Burget: Nothing to report.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe: Nothing to report. John Lund (ESDA) stated there is going to be a letter mailed to all ESDA members. There is also training at SRC on Sunday August 16; he will let previous members know about this also.

Water – Alderman Barclay: Nothing to report.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Mayor King: Music in Park, successful year, the money will go to school supplies or back pack supplies.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Darrell Dunetman with Historical Society to address Council regarding TIF application for \$40,000.00 for the Rasmussen Blacksmith Shop repair of two outer walls. The organization received a \$30,000.00 loan from each bank to be paid back over a period of five years. The Trivia Bowl made around \$900.00 profit. In bank right now around \$7,000.00. Commitments of about \$11,500.00 so far. Short about \$57,000.00. Hope to get around \$3,500 a year in future from fund raisers and donations. Mayor King stated he would like to use Tourism money to help the Historical Society with the monthly payments to the banks. The major repairs that have to be done right now are the 5 windows that are rotten letting water down thru bricks that are 3 brick thick, also floors. At this time they would like to be open for this year Scenic Drive. This request is to be tabled till next meeting.
- B. Vote on Health Insurance fund (deductible for employees) No comments, no vote.
- C. Amend Parking Ordinance for West Avenue D Alderman Barclay made a motion to amend the parking ordinance for West Avenue D, seconded by Weese. Roll call vote, motion carried all ayes
- D. Vote to scrap recycling trailer. Hitchcock Scrap Yard said it is worth \$700 to \$750. Mayor King suggested maybe donating money to Historical Society. Barclay made motion to scrap the recycling trailer at Hitchcock's Scrap Yard, seconded by Burget, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- E. Discuss TIF funds for County for the brick building they are purchasing. To help with handicap ramp or money for building. Mayor King would like to keep these county offices here in Lewistown. Need to see purchase agreement before decision is made. Tabled till next meeting or purchase agreement presented.
(Need to see amount of money in TIF account.)

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Vote to amend Outdoor Event Ordinance. Todd White with the VFW, is not requesting any extra licenses, they are requesting that the group renting the VFW for an outdoor event not have to use one of their three outdoor event licenses. The benefit group would have to pay the \$25.00 for the permit and get hall free. Also an outdoor event not necessarily music, could be just alcohol, for example

horseshoes benefit event. Alderman Burget made a motion to amend the Outdoor Event Ordinance so it will not affect the three licenses that each bar get at this time with the group renting the VFW getting a temporary license costing \$25.00, 30 days in advance, seconded by Weese, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

- B. Close W. Euclid from Main to Adams for Glenn Hillig Poker Run September 19, 2015. Alderman Barclay made motion to close West Euclid from Main to Adams Street for Glenn Hillig Poker Run, seconded by Burget, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes
- C. Vote on TIF Façade agreement for 501 E Ave E of \$5,000.00. Buck Bainter getting two estimates to paint his building. Table till next meeting.
- D. Discuss TIF agreement for 805 S Main Street. Jennifer Hebb, stated that the hotel for sale, she wants to know if any money to upgrade hotel, and parking lot. Mayor King told her she has to present exactly what is to be done, and fill out application with amounts of each improvement. Then the council will vote on it.
- E. Discuss sidewalk around square-vote to have it engineered. The curb and sidewalk by Pratt Furniture cracking, breaking away and sinking down, it is a wheelchair and tripping hazard. City previously want to do this before but Pratt's did not want repaired at that time. Have to get the city engineer for this job, city employees not able to do this job. Alderman Spotloe made motion to contact the city engineer to start work on repairing the sidewalk and curb in front of Pratt Furniture, seconded by Kelley, roll call, motion carried all ayes.
- F. Prepare BIO for website for City Administrator a paragraph about yourself and picture will be taken for website.
- G. Closed Session-Personnel and Pending Litigation. Alderman Barclay made motion to go into closed session, seconded by Weese.

Doors closed 7:30 p.m.

Doors opened at 7:45 p.m. to return to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Spotloe made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Alderman Barclay motion carried all ayes.

Cindy Goddard, City Clerk