

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE August 27, 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, Doug Lafary, Kendall Miller, Kim Pascal, and Mayor Elmer Littlefield. Also present: Wendy Martin from the Fulton Democrat, City Clerk Cindy Goddard, Chief of Police John Werland, Public Works Director Gary Shawgo, City Attorney Nathan Collins, also Susie Fuller, Mike Battefeld (Bank President Prairie) **ABSENT:** Alderman John Spotloe and Alderman Trever Kelley.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Elmer Littlefield

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard. Mayor Littlefield talked to the County Assessor (Rick) and County Clerk, they are getting information for him from when the TIF was created that includes the list of pin numbers. The City lost about 25% of TIF money when the new grocery store was built in a different spot, because the present area pin numbers were not included in the TIF district. We can start a new TIF if an area is showing growth. September 4, we are having a meeting with a different TIF attorney out of Bloomington, Steve Kline, his corporation services Canton and Farmington. The County Clerk thought that would be good, especially since he has other cities in Fulton County.

Alderman Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of August 13, 2019, second by Alderman Clark roll call vote, the motion carried all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown. Absent

Cindy Goddard said she will present a treasurer's report for August at the next meeting.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

Alderman Pascal made a motion to approve all bills properly endorsed; Seconded by Alderman Lafary roll call vote, the motion carried with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:

Mike Battefeld from Prairie Bank presented a check for the flower fund of \$500.00 from the cook out to the Mayor.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. Nothing at this time.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderman Clark: Nothing to report.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Absent.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: absent. Mayor Littlefield stated that possibly next year we can save enough money that we will oil and chip the road in front of the Grammar School. Yes, definitely will oil and chip it he stated.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Lafary: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Miller: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Alderman Pascal said she discussed with Karen King the 1st Annual Sales in the Park at Porter Park for the first two weekends in October the same time as Scenic Drive. Cindy Goddard went on to explain that Karen will sell hot dogs to benefit the Music in the Park and there will be music at the Gazebo off and on both weekends. Cindy had called the scenic drive chairman to explain to her what we were doing but she only kept telling her that any one that sold had to pay the \$50.00 Scenic Drive fee. We only wanted to pay the \$50.00 for Porter Park. The Mayor explained there may also be demonstrators there which they don't have to pay the \$50.00 Scenic Drive fee.

Sewer – Alderman Spotloe: Absent

Water – Mayor Littlefield: Between 300 and 400 meters installed so far. Alderman Clark wanted to know if there is a deadline. Mayor Littlefield replied that they are just going to keep on going as fast as we can. Winter will slow us down some. About 150 pits, that was more than expected, for example mobile homes and long distance lines.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve School Resource Officer Agreement – Mayor Littlefield went to the last school board meeting, took them a new contract. It was returned that next Friday signed, Attorney Collins wrote it up, and it was the same contract that was written up in May. Alderman Clark wanted to know if someone has been chosen to be the School Resource Officer. No, at this time they will take applications for candidates and a committee will choose who it will be. Motion by Alderman Pascal, second by Alderman Clark roll call vote, motion carried all ayes. It will be approved as of today (August 27, 2019). Attorney Collins stated the partnership agreement and the other is intergovernmental between the City of Lewistown and School District 97. Another motion to approve the signed School Resource Officer Agreement between the City of Lewistown and School District 97 by Alderman Miller and second by Alderman Lafary, roll call vote motion carried all ayes.
2. Discuss/Approve Full Time Employees and Future Employees living outside city limits – Left off last time requested that attorney Collins investigate living outside city limits. According to information, the Chief has to live within city limits.

Mayor Littlefield talked to realtors, there is around 25 houses for sale that are multiple listings and six by owners in the Lewistown area and around six rentals that are nice in the area. Havana rules for employees are 10 miles from edge of town, Canton is 25 minutes from Police station, Pekin is 10 miles for employees, and police are 20 mile radius from Center of town. City of Lewistown is 20 miles. Attorney Collins found it interesting than an officer is required to live within the limit. City should create an ordinance regarding a mileage limit. Mayor stated that a limit should pertain to full time police officers and public employees especially for an emergency. Alderman Miller stated 20 miles is a good distance. Alderman Pascal stated that she thought it was 15 miles for Canton. It is a radius of 20 miles per Alderman Miller. Need a time limit to get moved within the mileage limit according to Attorney Collins. Wendy Martin specifies that "as a crow flies" is usually less distance. The radius would be from City Hall they agreed on. Motion by Alderman Pascal and second by Alderman Miller to make it a radius of 15 miles from City Hall, and eight months from day hired with consequence of termination if not moved. If an employee is to move after the Ordinance takes place it has to be within 15 miles. Current employees are grandfathered in to 20 miles radius and it is for full time employees only, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve Scarecrow Contest regarding the City sponsoring it – The Scarecrow contest money will be taken out of tourism fund. There were 20 in the contest last year. Motion by Alderman Pascal second by Alderman Clark for the City to sponsor the Scarecrow Contest, roll call vote motion carried all ayes.
2. Discuss/Approve vendors at Porter Park first two weekends of October - Calling it 1st Annual Sales in the Park, includes food, music and sales. On October 5th, 6th, 12th and 13th. Karen King told Kim Pascal \$5.00 to reserve spot per weekend and cooking in the shed and the money goes to Music in the Park. Vendors/demonstrators are to call city hall to reserve a spot at Porter Park. Motion by Alderman Clark, second by Alderman Lafary to approve 1st Annual Sales in the Park, the first two weekends in October, roll call vote, and motion carried all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Clark made a motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.; Seconded by Alderman Lafary motion carried all ayes.


Cindy Goddard, City Clerk