

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE February 11, 2020

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, Doug Lafary, Kendall Miller, Kim Pascal, John Spotloe and Mayor Elmer Littlefield. Also present: Wendy Martin from the Fulton Democrat, City Clerk Cindy Goddard, City Treasurer Debby Brown, City Attorney Nathan Collins, Billie Simmons, and Andrew Ryon.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Elmer Littlefield

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard.

Alderman Kim Pascal made a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2020, second by Alderman John Spotloe roll call vote, the motion carried all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown. Nothing at this time.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

Alderman John Spotloe made a motion to approve all bills properly endorsed; Seconded by Alderman Kendall Miller roll call vote, the motion carried with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:

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: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Lafary: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Miller: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Alderman Pascal: Coat closet is still being worked on looks like a small house, can also use during the summer for jackets or shoes.

Sewer – Alderman Spotloe: Nothing to report.

Water – Mayor Littlefield: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Alderman Kim Pascal asked about the hiring of new IT group and handed out a flyer from Joe Wilcox. Cindy Goddard, explained I was checking into the IT group that handles the Fulton County Court House and Fulton County Jail. (Thad Chaney) Chaney Technical Services do not charge a monthly fee only charge when they have to do something once everything is set up.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve completed Audit FY 2019 presented by Andrew Ryon - The April 30, 2019 cash on hand is different now because of charges in infrastructure that have been taken care of. Health Insurance has been changed to Section 125 Plan (Cafeteria Plan) to save money for employee and city. Mr. Ryon recommends that the full time employees and elected officials getting minimum water bills needs to change because taxes have to be paid on the totals. There were 19 accounts that have been reconciled with this audit. CLA does the accounting and the last 10 months will be reconciled by end of April, 2020. Motion by Alderman Miller to approve the FY 2019 Audit, second by Alderman Clark, and motion by Alderman Clark to approve the FY 2019 Annual Financial Report to be filed with the State of Illinois Comptroller, second by Alderman Spotloe, roll call vote motion carried all ayes.
2. Mayor to discuss water/waste water statistics – On the Unaccounted for Water chart Mayor Littlefield added the wastewater percentage of wastewater that does not go through water meters and wastewater totals that does not go through water meters. Explained the percent of water not paid for column. City is finding quite a few dead meters. That is why we need the new water meters everywhere. Alderman Miller said they use to have a company come in to detect leaks after all meters are installed if still having water loss. The Mayor said we may have to do that in future. About 60% of new meters have been installed. The public works department is doing all the water pits. We do not have the large meters till second or third quarter of this year. Recourse may be shutting the water off till new meter is installed if someone does not call in to schedule appointment. We have a worse situation with the wastewater plant than water; a letter was received from EPA in February 2010 explaining that we were not in compliance. We have been doing some repairs a little at a time. We do not know how the new inspector will be, could be very strict. Regarding grants, one of requirements that 51% of the population have to be low to moderate income, we are 44.71%, so makes us not eligible to get grants. Working with Josh Mercer and Keith Plavec to get information and help with grants to fix infrastructure, hoping to get EPA loans with low interest rate, hope and prey for debt forgiveness. Keith Plavec and Evinn Palmer have been going over maps with water and sewer lines, going to include curb stops and fire hydrants. Going to start doing a little at a time at the waste

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water plant. Alderman Miller and Alderman Lafary asked why the unaccounted for water is still at 46%. Mayor Littlefield explained that the accurate percentage won't show up for about a year

3. Discuss/Approve closure of Main Street for Homecoming Parade 2020 –Motion by Alderman Clark to approve the closure of Main Street Homecoming Parade, September 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., second by Alderman Pascal, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
4. Discuss/Approve closure of Main Street for Christmas Parade 2020 – Motion by Alderman Clark to approve closure of Main Street for Christmas Parade on December 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., second by Alderman Lafary roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

CLOSED SESSION: No closed session

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Spotloe made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m.; Seconded by Alderman Clark motion carried all ayes.


Cindy Goddard, City Clerk