

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE February 12, 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, John Spotloe 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, Kim Pascal. Kendall Miller, John Beyers. Bennie Ademi, John Ademi. **ABSENT:** Debbie Brown, City Treasurer,

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Elmer Littlefield

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard.

Alderman Burget made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular session of the Lewistown City Council and the Liquor commission meeting minutes of January 22, 2019, second by Alderman Clark roll call vote, the motion carried all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown. Absent
No treasurers report.

BILLS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS: John Beyers was questioning if a water line is his or city line. He has fixed the leak already. The line comes from the house to the curb stop. He was told he owns the line to the shut off. Wants to know if this was true, and if anyone else is on the line. He was wondering how many it supplied. Where does it go to after his house? This will be put on the agenda for next meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. Nothing to report on.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderman Clark: Nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderman Burget: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Foxall: Nothing new to report but wanted to tell the city workers a good job on the roads after the snow. Alderman Burget wants to know if anything has been done to the road by the school. And wants to know total cost to fix the road correctly, the answer was about \$130,000.00 to be fixed correctly. A school board member that talked to Alderman Foxall said they would pay some possibly. Alderman Kelley that Jean Davis (superintendent) said they would pay half, but that is not what she had told the mayor. Gary Shawgo said that George Merkle said that cement AND blacktop is what needs to be done to have it done correctly so the buses wouldn't tear it up. The City can only patch it at this time because the buses tear it up. Alderman Burget said it can only be patched for so long. The mayor will discuss this with Ms. Davis at the next meeting.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe: Nothing to report. Alderman Burget asked if any progress on the school resource officer. Nathan said they received a draft from Jean Davis regarding this matter, had a meeting three weeks ago the meeting was based on hours they need an officer and base contract rate is wanted. The school needs an officer authorized, hopefully soon, for the rest of this year. The National training is this summer it has to be mandated by 2021.

Water – Mayor Littlefield: Nothing to report.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Alderman Hebb: Alderman Hebb spoke to the spokesman for the Eagle Days regarding the city be included next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Approve CD rate of 2% for 16 months for the City CD that was voted on January 22, 2019 - A motion by Alderman Spotloe to approve renewing the City of Lewistown CD for 16 months at 2% rate at Ipava Bank second by Alderman Burget, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- b. Approve Liquor License for LaFogata Bar and Grill that was voted on January 22, 2019. Motion by Alderman Burget and second by Alderman Kelley to approve liquor license for LaFogata Bar and Grill, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- c. Discuss/Approve Ordinance for Sewer Rate Increase of \$1.00 – Alderman Burget, made a motion to approve the Ordinance for Sewer Rate Increase of \$1.00 a year thru 2023, second by Alderman Clark, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- d. Discuss/Approve Resolution to offer 401K retirement plan to new employees. Table at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discuss/Approve complaint from Nicole Rilea regarding sewer and paying her bill – Nicole Rilea had Kinsel Trucking & Excavating fix a sewer line on South Van Buren, she said he unclogged the line on the city side. All this started in the summer after Ameren put in new gas line in. Her basement started backing up, causing hot water problems, mildew, dampness, they ran a rotorooter down the lines and camera, Kinsel pulled boot off and it opened it up, they ran the jetter thru the Main and it got stuck. They said it stuck on a broken tap on the main. She is on an old tie in that is not on the map. She is asking for the \$997.13 to pay the Kinsel bill. Gary said they run the jetter, and saw that there was a break on her side where the boot was placed it might have been put on by Ameren. The city had GM Mechanical camera the line. The break was at the tap. Her line was new in the past 10 years. She called Kinsel he told her that her line was clogged before the main. The mayor had previously told her that the city would pay half. About 50 to 60 feet away from Main. Alderman Burget wants to talk to Kinsel regarding this matter. The mayor wants to determine who is responsible for this before any payment is made. The Mayor asked Nicole Rilea to please come back to the next meeting. Table at this time.
- b. Discuss/Approve TIF application for Garden Restaurant – Bennie Ademi wants to enhance and update the restaurant. Alderman Spotloe brought to our attention that the total unallocated was not correct. Table at this time to figure out for sure how much money is in TIF fund.
- c. Discuss/Approve Resolution for IMRF Authorized Agent – Alderman Spotloe made a motion to approve the Resolution for the IMRF Authorized Agent to be Cindy Goddard, second by Alderman Hebb, roll call vote motion carried all ayes.
- d. Discuss/Approve Amended Ordinance relating to installation/maintenance of potable water service lines – Attorney Nathan Collins explained the ordinance regarding water breaks and equipment failures. When a person purchases a property the water taps are not checked. When a single tap supplies water to multiple users it is a violation. The current ordinance says from the main to the residence is the home owners responsibility. Alderman Burget wants to take a better look at this. Alderman Burget asked where most of the mains are, Gary said they run along the streets. The engineer determines what size the main will be. Alderman Spotloe stated we need to address this on forward. Attorney Collins said it is illegal to have two people on one line. Motion by Alderman Hebb, second by Alderman Clark to table at this time. Per Mayor Littlefield some of these shut off issues will be addressed when new meters are replaced.
- e. Discuss/Approve Replacement Steel Skirt Assembly for the 50” Spiraflow Clarifier - According to Gary Shawgo it is a steel ring replacing a plastic one that previously cost about half the price. This one is stainless steel the price is \$23,017.00. Alderman Spotloe made a motion to approve purchasing the replacement steel skirt assembly for the 50” Spiraflow Clarifier, second by Alderman Burget roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

Mayor Littlefield addressed the Council

On June 28, 2016 an ordinance was passed to raise all Aldermen from \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00, to take effect May 2017. For 6 quarters the Alderman were over paid \$125.00 on each pay check until November, 2018, then it was lowered back to the correct amount. Mayor Littlefield asked Amanda in November 2018 if she had overpaid the Aldermen, her response was no. On June 7, 2016 all elected officials was given a \$500.00 check as a raise. Except for Mayor King was given \$1,500.00. The Aldermen were overpaid but the City Clerk, City Treasurer and Mayor were not. Letters will be going out regarding total to be reimbursed to the city. Alderman Spotloe asked if it could just be taken out of the future checks, the Mayor said yes.

The next issue is with Cindy Havens, when she was hired she was told that her comp time was only given back as equal time instead of time and half. The city needs to make this up to her; she didn't have very much comp time, only at the very beginning when she was hired. There is a limit of 80 hours you can carry then it is applied as over time. She was told that we would figure the amount of time and give it to her.

CLOSED SESSION: No closed session

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Spotloe made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.; Seconded by Alderman Clark, motion carried all ayes.

Cindy Goddard, City Clerk