

# **LEWISTOWN FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday February 12, 2024  
Lewistown City Hall, 9:30 a.m.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Chairman Sally Clark, Brad Ward, John Spotloe and Mayor Doug Lafary

**ROLL CALL** – Evinn Palmer, Jim Long, Brad Ward, Levi Peitzmeier, Mayor Lafary, Clerk Cindy Goddard, Beka Schultz, Sally Clark, and Chief Chris Ford

**DISCUSS 2025 BUDGET** –

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Ford, said he still needs to hire 2 full time police officers, will take with or without PTI training.

**STREETS:** Evinn Palmer said we maybe want to look at Catholic Cemetery Road again regarding drainage and the roads. It needs culverts and need easement information for that road. Cameraing all roads that have sink holes are expensive. North Adams estimated at over \$60,000.00 to fix the pipes to prevent sink holes. Alderperson Clark asked about the one by her house off of Lincoln, it has been looked at least 3 times in the past.

Deb Brown arrived at 9:44 a.m.

Brad Ward said we need to look at some to the sink holes and getting the pipes fixed because not getting any cheaper. A grant will have to be found to help fix these pipes. WIRC is who helps the city find grants.

**ESDA:** OK keep the same.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Evinn would like some electrical improvements at Porter Park. Need to get some estimates for that. Alderperson Long said other towns have music playing all the time at the park with speakers would like to get that. He will check on that and report back.

**INSURANCE:** Compared health insurance last year, aldermen wanted to stay local. Rest of Insurance, liability and work comp is with Illinois Counties Risk Management.

**IT and CITY ATTORNEY:** In line at this time.

**MINIMUM WAGE** goes up in January again. Alderperson Long wants to see that street and water employees working for more than minimum wage. Wants to see increase in pay for all employees, they keep the city running! In street in budget is over at this time,

**POLICE** in is way under in payroll budget, Chief said would like to set up a way to increase the pay for the police officers as a two or three year pay increase.

Alderperson Long knows we can't keep up with cost of living raises for all employees.

**UTILITY BUILDING AND GROUND** is under budget.

**ADMINISTRATION** is under but needs separated from Elected Officials pay and Administrative Assistant.

**WATER:** Payroll Budget is under at this time. At this time Video Gaming is what is supporting the water budget. Need to start saving for capital projects. Evinn is still working on the water project at ground storage and the pumps need rehab, using two grants for this. The building is a lot more than the original estimate from 2016.

**WASTE WATER:** To have filter rehab would be around \$250,000.00 valves do not work have to do manually causing overtime. Waste Water has been supporting itself.

**TIF:** Over budget at this time, but TIF group says you do not budget it. Still have around \$30,000.00 in account.

**TOURISM;** Over budget, but have \$500.00 left at this time.

Committee would like to do pay increases depending on seniority. CLA could do wage study but charge for it.

Budget has to be filed by April 30 in Courthouse.

March 12 Beka Schultz will have a temporary budget ready. Notice has to be posted 30 days prior to actual budget being completed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Sally Clark, second by Alderperson Brad Ward, at 10:45 a.m. to adjourn Finance Committee meeting.

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City Clerk, Cindy Goddard