

## LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE January 12, 2016

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:** Aldermen Ford, Kelley, Weese, Barclay, Burget, Spotloe and Mayor R. John King. Also present: Wendy Martin from the Fulton Democrat, Michelle Sherman from Canton Daily Ledger, City Treasurer Debby Brown, City Administrator Alicia Campbell, Ron Lawver, Jason Ray, Charles, Becky and David Almedia, and Elmer Littlefield Jr., **ABSENT:** City Clerk Cindy Goddard

### MINUTES:

Alderman Ford made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, Seconded by Alderman Kelley, the motion carried with all ayes.

**CLERKS REPORT:** Nothing to report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Nothing to report

### BILLS:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:** None

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** No attorney present.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** No Engineer present.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderman Ford: Reported everyone should have received the report from Alicia if you have questions, now is the time, otherwise there is nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderman Weese: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Burget: Nothing to report.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe: Nothing to report.

Water – Alderman Barclay: Nothing to report.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Mayor King: Nothing to report.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Alderman Ford reported that she received an email from the City Attorney, we have options regarding the Ramsey Property; we can make stipulations on what we expect from Ron Lawver. Mayor King asks who makes the determination on what is to be done with the property. The nuisance ordinance dictates what he must do. Ron Lawver states he does intend to clean up the property regardless. If we have someone willing to buy it and clean it up, we should consider it, as long as it's done within a considerable time frame. Keeping the property as taxable is in the best interest of the City.

Alderman Ford suggests that Nathan create an agreement then bring it before the Council, so that both Ron Lawver and the Council are in agreeance. Burget asked what time frame

are we talking about. Ford suggested 6 months is the maximum time allowed; and the junk or debris is not placed in a scrap pile waiting for the cost of scrap to go up or on another property owned by Lawver. Alderman Ford suggested that Nathan give his opinion on what is necessary for the contract.

The Illinois Comptroller has a new feature to help collect from citizens who owe the City money for things such as: debris removal, mowing, etc. It is a free feature.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jason Ray explained that there was a leak at his rental property, the renter moved without notifying him and without paying the bill. The water didn't go through the sewer. Jason agreed to make payments if we remove the sewer charges. The Water Clerk will submit the renter information into the comptroller's system to try and collect. If after, four months, no money has been collected, Jason Ray has agreed to pay the balance at \$50.00 per month, Alderman Spotloe made a motion, Alderman Barclay seconded, motion carried with all ayes.

Alicia suggested that the Water Clerk can generate a report of what we collect from the Comptroller on a monthly basis.

Mayor King suggested that Pat Colglazier log in a book, the time/date that he is onsite and the log must remain on premises and reviewed monthly by Public Works Director, Alderman Spotloe made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ford, motion carried all ayes.

Alderman Barclay wants to amend/add to the Solicitors license Ordinance for a Food Truck fee of \$50/year Seconded by Alderman Spotloe motion carried all ayes.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Alderman Spotloe made a motion to adjourn at 6:54p.m. Seconded by Alderman Ford motion carried all ayes.

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Alicia Campbell, City Administrator