

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE January 28, 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: Alderman 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, Public Works Director Gary Shawgo, City Attorney Nathan Collins, Cindy Havens, Johnny Rynearson, Josh Grice, Billie Simmons (arrived at 6:50 p.m.). **ABSENT:** Alderman Sally Clark.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Elmer Littlefield

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard.

Alderman Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2020, second by Alderman Pascal roll call vote, Alderman Trever Kelley, present, Doug Lafary, aye, Kendall Miller, aye, Kim Pascal, aye, John Spotloe, present, and Mayor Elmer Littlefield aye, the motion carried.

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

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS: No public comments.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Keith Plavec. No Engineer present. The Mayor explained that the city is requesting a grant for the area at the fairgrounds for a new pump and holding tank. It takes 15 months to get an answer on the grant per Mayor Littlefield.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderman Clark: Absent. Mayor Littlefield said the auditor will be here at the next meeting. We just received a draft today and they will get one at next meeting in their packet.

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: Alderman Miller thanked the city crew for taking care of the streets during last snow and ice. If any problems with a street, please call Alderman Miller and he will let city employee know and they will take care of it as soon as possible.

Tourism – Alderman Pascal: Nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderman Spotloe: Nothing to report.

Water – Mayor Littlefield: Continuing with the installation of meters. For the year, January 2019 till December 2019 we have tracked how much water the city pumps and charges for, the city cannot account for 44% of the water that is pumped. For this reason everyone is going to get a meter. Alderman Miller agreed and said a problem with a lot of communities is their unaccounted for water.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve Bart Seward's water/sewer bill - Tabled from last meeting. The council requested that a couple of employees attend this meeting. Water was shut off previously because of leak. Chad Seward was previously told that there was a water leak. The Mayor said that Cindy Havens told Bart Seward that there was a major water leak. Bart said that previously there was no tenant in the house and they thought that the only water leak was in the basement. Bart checked the house and did not see any leaks or running water in the house when it was turned on. A water leak was found in the yard previously, as they walked through the yard and an area was soft, at that time Chad had water shut off. Mayor Littlefield reminded Bart that everything from the water main to the house is the homeowner responsibility. Alderman Miller read the meter readings to everyone. A brand new line has been put in along with the new meter. The new meters are a big plus to the community to catch leaks or running water. Alderman Miller suggested that he pay \$500.00 and city wave the rest. Alderman Lafary suggested he only pay minimum sewer after the Mayor mentioned it. Motion by Alderman Lafary to still pay the entire water bill and pay minimum sewer bill and wave rest of the sewer, second by Alderman Miller, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve new IT Group, Pearl Technology, IT 360, and Heart Technology – City Clerk Cindy Goddard explained to the council the fees for each of the three companies for IT services and a new server. Attorney Collins

stated that he uses Joe Wilcox for his office maybe we should check with him.
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2. Discuss/Approve placing UPS drop box alongside USPS box on the Square – West side of wheelchair ramp is enough room. County Market is not taking UPS items now. Motion by Alderman Miller to place the UPS box on the West side of the wheelchair ramp on the South side of the Courthouse, second by Alderman Kelley, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

CLOSED SESSION: No closed session

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Kelley made a motion to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.; Seconded by Alderman Spotloe motion carried all ayes.


Cindy Goddard, City Clerk