

## LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

### DATE July 10, 2018

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 Clark, Kelley, Weese, Burget, Spotloe and Mayor Elmer Littlefield. Also present: Wendy Martin from the Fulton Democrat, City Clerk Cindy Goddard, and Chief of Police John Werland, John Foxall, Kim Pascal, Don Archdale, and Emily Morton.

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM** by Mayor Elmer Littlefield

**CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES:** Cindy Goddard.

Alderman Weese made a motion to approve the minutes of June 26, 2018, second by Alderman Spotloe roll call vote, the motion carried all ayes.

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

### **BILLS:**

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:**

Kim Pascal, regarding rental house, gallons of water running thru it, Johnny Rynearson checked house nothing running, the meter inside the rental house may be messed with prior renters, so the bill is running up. Johnny told her he may be able to put in a new meter. Mayor stated they are still responsible from Main to house. The Mayor said he would address it with Gary Shawgo the next day to check it out.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Attorney Nathan Collins. Absent at this time. Attorney Collins arrived at 6:40 p.m.

**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 Clark has had some complaints regarding the corner of Euclid and Main Street, by Pratt's. The cars are parking too close to corner, people can't see to pull out, and Mayor Littlefield is wondering if a yellow line is painted there. Chief Werland needs to check into this, if yellow line painted there it would be a no parking

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area. Chief said to tell them to call police department if they see someone parked in the yellow line area.

Alderman Burget wondering if city employees have been spraying weeds, still sees a lot of green out there. Mayor stated yes they have been spraying and street sweeping. New street sweeper is working out good. Alderman Burget wondering who is responsible for a square area by Casey North, large hole, Ameren is responsible. The concrete they are putting in has an inch lip that needs filled in. Blacktop looks good but need a good base. The mayor wants the engineer to come up with a correct base for these holes.

Alderman Kelley, questioned Fiber Optic Road and Catholic Cemetery Road, the mayor said the holes were filled that day.

Attorney Collins arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe: Nothing to report.

Water – Alderman Weese: Nothing to report.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Mayor Littlefield: Nothing new to report, Music in park doing well. Don Archdale asked about a sign at the Fairground area to guide people to his winery. He was told to contact Fair board and ask them if a sign could be placed there. Maybe contact the state for the other corner. Don is to call Amanda Woodruff to find out how the orchard sign was allowed to be placed on the corner across from Fair Grounds.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Discuss/Approve Appointment of New Alderman in Ward 2 – Background check is to be done on John Foxall NCIC background check has to have a rationale to run a background check. Can hire a private investigator (Elam) that has permission to use the NCIC process or have the person sign an affidavit that says they do not have any felonies. What does the council want to do? Alderman Burget made a motion to hire Elam to do background checks on everyone on payroll, Mayor does not think this does not need to be public if not a felony, from this point forward if a felony comes back do they get let it go? As part of hiring process can the new employee go to Elam and get a background check. If Mr. Foxall has already had a background check would we need another one asked the Mayor? Alderman Burget asked about timeline. State statute is 15 years. Want elected officials or employees or both checked? Attorney Collins said maybe check out other municipalities to see what they are doing. Mayor said maybe elected

official sign paper that says they do not have a felony or honor system. Mr. Foxall gave consent for background check. Second by Alderman Spotloe for Elam Agency to do the background check. Burget asked John Foxall what he thought of the police department. He said he was not prepared to answer that question. Attorney Collins to set up with Elam Agency to do back ground checks.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve Ordinance related to Handicapped Parking on Main Street – Motion by Alderman Kelley to approve ordinance related to Handicapped Parking on Main Street, second by Alderman Clark roll call vote motion carried all ayes.
- B. Discuss/Approve Black Maple Coffee TIF Application – Emily Juraco Morton is putting in new plumbing, electrical, a seating area, and having a tree removed; Black Maple Coffee will have all homemade baked goods and sandwiches. The Max amount on Façade is \$5000.00. For TIF the most is around \$30,000.00 per Mayor. (Anything permanent will stay) Motion by Alderman Spotloe for the Facade Grant of up to \$5,000.00, second by Alderman Clark roll call vote, motion carried all ayes. Table the TIF application till more paperwork is done.

Who owns the little building by the track on edge of town by the High School, siding is and OSB coming off of side. Chief Werland is to find out who it belongs to. Maybe the cable company not sure.

Closed Session, Approve March 13<sup>th</sup> Minutes and Pending Litigation – Motion by Alderman Weese, second by Alderman Clark to close open meeting and door for Closed Session.

Alderman Spotloe made motion to reopen meeting and door, second by Alderman Clark.

## ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Kelley made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.; Seconded by Alderman Weese motion carried all ayes.

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Cindy Goddard, City Clerk