

LEWISTOWN LIQUOR COMMISSION MEETING

DATE July 14, 2020

The Lewistown Liquor Commission met in the council chambers at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Alderwoman Sally Clark, Linda Helle, Alderman John Spotloe, Mayor Elmer R. Littlefield Jr., City Clerk Cindy Goddard. Also present at meeting was Alderman Kendall Miller. Absent: Kevin Delmastro he arrived at 6:20

To Discuss Liquor License for Sheila and Duke VanMiddlesworth at 260 North Main, Lewistown, and the name being PJ Enterprise DBA Dukes Pub & Grub.

Mayor Littlefield called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. This was J Dubbs but it went back to Ruth Graham. To be named Dukes Pub & Grub. Sheila and Duke VanMiddlesworth are just transferring the license from J Dubbs to Dukes Pub & Grub. The Mayor said he understands they are purchasing it. Alderwoman Clark stated it was beautiful inside. They are also keeping their present bar. There was a motion by Linda Helle to allow the transfer of liquor license, second by Alderwoman Clark to allow this. Do all agree? There were no objections. The council makes the final vote on the transfer of license. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE July 14, 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: Alderwoman Sally Clark, Alderman Doug Lafary, Alderman Kendall Miller, Alderwoman Kim Pascal, Alderman John Spotloe and Mayor Elmer Littlefield. Also present: City Clerk Cindy Goddard, Public Works Director Evinn Palmer, City Attorney Nathan Collins, and Mark Bixler from WBYS and Wendy Martin from the Fulton Democrat. ABSENT: Alderman Trever Kelley and Treasurer Debbie Brown.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Elmer Littlefield

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard. Reminded everyone to get on the Census website and get counted each person is worth almost a \$1,000.00 in grants. Alderman please check with your neighbors to make sure they get counted.

Alderman Spotloe made a motion to approve the minutes of June 23, 2020, second by Alderwoman Clark roll call vote, the motion carried all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown. Absent

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS: Cheryl Hall – This past winter she claims one of her flower gardens got hit by snow plow at 410 West Avenue J Lewistown, also the road is humped in the center. Public Works Director Evinn Palmer said the hump in the road is supposed to be there for drainage. He noticed the flower bed is quite a ways from the edge of road, hard to hit and he asked the one that plowed the snow if he remembered hitting anything, he did not. Alderman Miller asked what she wants to be done. Cheryl is not sure, she thinks it happened at the last snow storm we had. People keep cutting corner closer and closer, she said she called and talked to Cindy Havens regarding this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderwoman Clark: Nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderman Spotloe: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Miller: Some properties in town need mowed and trees need trimmed. People need to mow and clean up their yards. Maybe get group together to go mow people's yards for them, show them what needs done. Streets and allies look good. Alderman Miller said for people to call City Hall to find someone to mow their yards if they are unable to mow if maybe sick. Alderman Miller said he would mow if needed for \$20.00, just sick of it. People need to have pride in their yards. Up to the people of the community to help if truly need help. Mayor Littlefield said maybe talk the teacher at the high school that has the kids rake up the leaves.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Lafary: Nothing to report.

Water – Mayor Littlefield: The City has received permit for well #16, taking one more water sample to be tested. Extra large pump installed with a 16 inch well that will help us a lot. Seven wells at this time. 1893 first well. Previous Ameren bills were around

\$23,000.00, now up to \$54,000.00 so the bigger well will help the pumps not work as hard.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Absent

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Absent

Tourism – Alderwoman Pascal: Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve bids for Central School Road – Had the bid opening on June 7. Original estimate was \$55,788.00 from Engineer. Bids from Gunther Construction \$86,227.60 a 54.56% over estimate, Mayor Littlefield called Spoon River Blacktop, to use the MFT money the business has to be IDOT approved, they are not, their bid is \$50,000.00, then got an estimate from Tazewell County Asphalt Co, for \$54,945.20, it is within estimate and they are IDOT approved but they do not have a Material Transfer Device. Could take money out of the reserve, but the problem with taking money from reserves and not MFT we can not afford it, this was discussed with the accountant. George Merkle is calling IDOT and trying to wave Material Transfer Device, would like to put this back out for bid. All agreed to put back out for bid. Mayor Littlefield has been talking to Stahls at Spoon River Blacktop because they are local. Table at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve Scarecrow Contest for fall – Every year, Suzie Fuller takes care of this, the city sponsors it. Motion by Alderman Miller to approve the Scarecrow Contest, Alderwoman Pascal seconded, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
2. Discuss/Approve Liquor License for Sheila & Duke VanMiddlesworth at 260 N. Main St. (PJ Enterprise DBA Dukes Pub & Grub) – Was owned by Ruth Graham. They are purchasing the building and business; they are just transferring the liquor license. Asking for name change only. They will also serve food. Liquor Commission met and had no objections. Motion by Alderman Spotloe, to approve Liquor License for Dukes Pub & Grub, second by Alderwoman Clark roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
3. Discuss all town garbage pick-ups – Alderwoman Clark stated there is garbage in yards, ditches, by garages and sidewalk so wanted to have an all town clean up. Mayor did some homework on this. Used to have this every year. Cuba, Havana and Mason City have all town garbage pickup. Mayor Littlefield checked into Cuba's contract with PDC all billed on the water bill, in the contract it has an all town clean up. It is added in the bill already, not free. Mayor wants to congratulate Alderwoman Pascal she had already put together a phone number list

for car and appliance pickup. Paint and TV's can be taken to the Fulton County Health Dept. Alderman Miller stated this started years ago, the farmers would bring in trucks and volunteers picked up the garbage, all free. People can call a garbage company to come pick up mattresses, chairs and such. Also previously people from outside city limits would bring in stuff to be picked up; it was not just citizens inside city limits which hurt the process. Mayor said it needs to be publicized more. Cindy Goddard will add to Facebook and Website the list of phone numbers. Maybe Chief Werland needs to go to doors and say something to people. Alderman Lafary asked if anything in place regarding dumping at Wastewater plant. Yes, any citizens in city limits can take cut down trees by commercial tree trimmer, they just need to contact city first. Alderman Miller feels if someone cannot absolutely mow their yard maybe volunteers can mow it. Citizens need to take pride. If charge them they will not pay like the mowing bills the city has already.

4. Discuss/Approve new desk and laptop computers for Police Department – In the budget already. All Aldermen have the quote from SHI for \$8,993.96 for the laptops. Mayor wants to know why they need different IT person. City Clerk Cindy Goddard explained the Chief is going to use the same IT person administrative office uses. Motion by Alderwoman Clark, second by Alderman Lafary, to approve the quote from SHI of \$8,993.96 for new laptops for police department, roll call vote motion carried all ayes.
5. Discuss/Approve quote from Nathan Collins painting fire hydrants – Nathan Collins has been working with Evinn Palmer, he had told him summer help could do the fire hydrants, but Nathan wanted a shot at it to compare. Estimated at first \$75 to \$100 per hydrant. Trial run actually at \$125.00 with city furnishing the paint, will sand down to metal. Evinn said the city would brush paint it with epoxy latex, Nathan's is spray painted on industrial enamel. City would wire brush, primer and paint if we were to do. Also going to number each hydrant and document other things to bring up to fire department standards. Attorney Collins feels the choice of putting Evinn in charge of Public Works was a great idea, very impressed. Nathan said he knows to have a city worker do it, it would be cheaper, he has more overhead than the city would. He realizes we have a tight budget. He feels his business would do a great job. Mayor said he feels they would do good job with the fire hydrants. Evinn called Jack Taylor, union painter, they would prime and paint, they will not grind down to bare metal. Another estimate was chip and prime only spots and then paint, neither one would go down to bare metal like Nathan Collins. Also, Nathans Company would be documenting every hydrant and Evinn would not have to drive around for 3 or 4 days numbering the hydrants. Probably won't get all done this year maybe can complete 50 to 60 with the late start. This was included in the budget. Evinn estimated to have a city employee do 4 hydrants at \$10.00 an hour it would be around \$146.00 per day for a total of \$12,000.00. Motion by Alderwoman Pascal

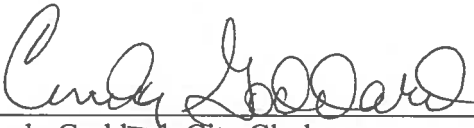
- to approve the bid of \$125.00 per fire hydrant with Nathan Collins Company, second by Alderman Spotloe, roll call vote motion carried all ayes.
6. Discuss/Approve Ordinance for General Obligation Bond – Every year this is passed, city clerk explained that this was taken out for improving the Cemetery Wall, tax to be abated is \$17,081.00 motion by Alderman Spotloe and second by Alderwoman Clark to approve the Ordinance for the General Obligation Bond, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

Alderman Miller said next year the City of Lewistown becomes 200 years old, Todd White and he are starting to plan for celebration, also want volunteers. They are trying to find a specific date for anniversary date. Main thing looking for input regarding the actual date. Just in the beginning of planning.

Music in the Park is still being sponsored by the City of Lewistown. The underwriter sent letter that stated that the city would not be covered by the insurance prior to June 26. First Music in the Park date covered was July 2; the Insurance Company said that the only way it is covered is that City property and church property has 50 people or less on each property, then it was OK.

ADJOURNMENT:

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


Cindy Goddard, City Clerk