

## LEWISTOWN ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING

July 21, 2020

6:30 p.m.

The Lewistown Ethics Commission started in the Council Chambers at 6:50 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Linda Helle, Kevin Delmastro, Alderman John Spotloe (by ZOOM), Mayor Elmer Littlefield, City Clerk Cindy Goddard, Attorney Nathan Collins. Absent: Alderman Sally Clark.

COMPLAINT: Alleged Ordinance Violation by Mayor Elmer R. Littlefield, Jr.

First the Mayor explained when taking the roll call at the liquor commission meetings, the liquor commission is an official recommendation to the City Council, at last meeting no roll call was done, that was OK but ethics commission is an official action, there is a difference.

Roll Call: Linda Helle, Alderman John Spotloe, Kevin Delmastro, Attorney Nathan Collins and Mayor Elmer R. Littlefield.

We have a quorum.

Mayor Littlefield recused himself.

Appointed as Chairman is Kevin Delmastro. Roll call Linda Helle, Alderman Spotloe, Kevin Delmastro, motion carried all ayes.

Attorney Collins explained why we were here, Attorney Collins received a complaint from Alderman Kendall Miller that he received from Jayson Herrick, alleging the ordinance violation of 33.34 Article D he received letter on December 20, 2019, it had not previously been opened by Alderman Kendall Miller. Attorney Collins read the letter he received; it was regarding Mayor Elmer Littlefield contributing financially to the campaigns of 4 different individuals. We are here to discuss this alleged violation and to determine if a violation was truly committed. No official city time is set for the mayor or an elected official. There was a previous paper handed out on November 21, 2019 by Attorney Collins describing the alleged violation. Commission has to find that all was committed to be a violation. Kevin Delmastro asked if any documentation showing it was done on city time. As I read this the violation has to be done on city property or using city funds absolutely no official documentation proving done on city time. Nothing was done on city property or proves it was done on city time. The right to contribute to any ones campaign is a person's privilege, a fundamental right. Linda Helle

says she thought this was determined at the first meeting that no violation was done. She feels this has been discussed for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time. Can not determine what is on the clock or not on the clock. Linda Helle and Kevin Delmastro apologized for not understanding at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting they could go ahead and vote after Alderman Kendall Miller bowed out. No questions by Alderman John Spotloe. Kevin Delmastro makes a motion to dismiss the alleged violation, second by Linda Helle, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes. Complaint dismissed.

Motion to adjourn by Linda Helle, second by Kevin Delmastro, at 6:58 p.m.

  
City Clerk, Cindy Goddard