

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: June 11, 2019

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 Sally Clark, Doug Lafary, Kendall Miller, and Kim Pascal. Also present: Wendy Martin from the Fulton Democrat, City Treasurer Debby Brown, Chief of Police John Werland, Public Works Director Gary Shawgo. **ABSENT:** Alderman Trever Kelley, Alderman John Spotloe, and Cindy Goddard City Clerk.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Elmer Littlefield

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard. **ABSENT**
No minutes from May 28, 2019, city clerk absent.

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

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:
Will be submitted next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS: NONE

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. **ABSENT**

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderman Clark: Nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderman Lafary: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Miller talked with Tom Berry regarding the condition of Western Hills Subdivision roads. They are not good. He is to look at them with Gary Shawgo.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe: Absent

Water – Mayor Littlefield: GM Mechanical installing meters. Gary said that 8 meters were installed last Friday. They have had over 35 calls. GM is keeping a file on each account. There are pictures taken before and after installation.

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The Mayor is going to switch Alderman Spotloe to sewer committee and Alderman Lafary to Police committee.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Absent

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Absent

Tourism – Alderman Pascal. No new report. Alderman Clark reported that Music in the Park went well and was well attended.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the last meeting we discussed the TIF. Mayor stated that we have no say on the amount of the payments. There are about 7 and one-half years left in the TIF. We offered Black Maple a grant and a loan. They turned down the loan. We will let them know the amount that a loan payment would be. Our TIF attorney will let us know the amount of the payment. We can petition the state for 12 additional years in the TIF. Or we could create a new TIF district. The Mayor has looked into this. It is very expensive to create a new TIF. Wendy Martin: the advantage to the TIF is that the business needs to generate the funding through tax increases. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve quote for Spiraflow Clarifier for Lakeside of \$3348.00 – Gary Shawgo public works director said that tube that runs around the steel skirting and connects to the steel skirting is rusted into. New skirting was \$23,000.00 that was purchased 3 months ago, has not been installed yet. Alderman Miller made a motion to approve the quote for \$3348.00, second by Alderman Pascal, roll call all ayes.
2. Discuss/Approve 4th of July Donation – The 4th of July committee needs to know if the city can bring tables to use, yes was the answer. The Mayor said the check needs to be written out to the company for the fireworks. Motion by Alderman Miller to donate \$1,000.00 to the 4th of July Committee, second by Alderman Clark, roll call vote motion carried all ayes.
There will be Music in the Park on the 4th of July along with fish fry. Alderman Clark said that the Legion Ladies will be there with desserts.
3. Discuss/Approve Quote for Well #16 – Gary explained that Well #13 went down, could not save it. We do have plenty of water. In 1893 the original wells were put in, 7 wells and 1 aquifer. There is enough water but drawing from same aquifer. New well will be 16 inches in diameter. We can pump water if we have to. Hope to have permit by end of week.

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Motion to proceed with new Well #16 by Alderman Clark and second by Alderman Miller, roll call vote motion carried all ayes.

CLOSED SESSION: No closed session

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Clark made a motion to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.; Seconded by Alderman Lafary motion carried all ayes.


Cindy Goddard, City Clerk