

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE June 13, 2017

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, Weese, Hough, Spotloe and Mayor Elmer Littlefield. Also present: Wendy Martin from the Fulton Democrat, Larry Eskridge from Canton Daily Ledger, City Administrator Amanda Woodruff, City Clerk Cindy Goddard, Cody Johnson, police officer, Cindy Arnett, Tami Jolliff, Kate Murphy, Micki Henderson, Tina Henderson, Larry DeMotte, Nick Halbert, Ron Wardell, Peggy Wardell, Doug Groth, Harold C. Chasteen, Keith Plavec, Janet Weber and Keith Krohe. **ABSENT:** Aldermen Kelley, Burget and City Treasurer Debbie Brown.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Elmer Littlefield

MINUTES:

Alderman Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2017 meeting, Seconded by Alderman Weese, the motion carried with all ayes.

CLERKS REPORT: Cindy Goddard. Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown. Absent, Treasurer's Report was presented to Alderman. Alderman Clark made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Weese, roll call vote, motion carried with all ayes.

BILLS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:

1. Larry DeMotte about Parking on Sycamore Drive- Mr. DeMotte stated he has fought people three years regarding the parking in front of his house and driveway, had to call officer Johnson, Larry asked someone to move car their car, they would not and walked away cussing him. After police officer was called she moved the car. He is leaving town if he doesn't get some residential only parking signs. His neighbor would not come with him. Only neighbor that does not care regarding sign was Phil Webb down the street. Alderman Clark stated that Mr. DeMotte does live right across from Prairie View Care Center. Alderman Clark asked him how many signs he wanted, Larry said two. Mr. DeMotte also complained about people throwing trash and garbage in his yard after they eat lunch. Alderman Spotloe suggested maybe an ordinance for that street. Aldermen agree to put RESIDENTIAL ONLY parking signs on North side of Sycamore Drive from corner to corner.

2. Cindy Arnett with Illinois Citizens for Clean Air & Water concerning Bear Creek Genetics Water Tap – Mrs. Arnett wants to make sure all documentations are in place, no excuse for Bear Creek Genetics to not furnish all paper the correct work to the city. She stated there is all ready a lack of rain this year and what if city runs low on water, if citizens don't have enough water then maybe city could face law suits from them.
3. Kate Murphy concerning Bear Creek Genetics Water Tap - Just a personal note from her, that Governor Rouner has already stated that there is a drought; she just wants the city to make good decisions.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. Arrived 6:40 p.m.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Keith Plavec. Maurer-Stutz, Inc.
Mayor Littlefield stated that he, Keith Plavec, Amanda Woodruff and Joe Caruthers, spent one whole day understanding the water system.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderman Clark: Nothing to report. Amanda Woodruff regarding audit: She said going with new Auditor (CliftonLarsonAlan) out of Peoria for this year.

Sewer – Alderman Burget: Absent

Street & Alley – Alderman Hough: Allies are all getting graveled.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe: There is an ESDA meeting at Big Horse Winery on June 14 going over disaster preparedness, everyone is encouraged to go.

Water – Alderman Weese: Nothing to report.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Absent

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Absent

Tourism – Mayor Littlefield: Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss and Approve Health Insurance – Two companies gave bids Cross Roads was lowest. Spread sheet presented age banded, for BCBS. No underwriting. Per Amanda need to decide by July 1, 2017. Keith Krohe suggested renew current plan. Mayor asked if there have been any complaints, Amanda said no. Alderman Spotloe made a motion to accept the bid from Cross Roads Insurance company

- for the city insurance, seconded by Clark, roll call vote, motion carried with all ayes.
2. IRS Liability Update Amanda said received money back from State/IRS taxes in the amount of \$89,222.09. Have not heard back from IRS regarding abatement. Verified that State has given back in credit to us. The City can use the credit up in around four quarters.
 3. Approve Ordinance Repealing No Parking on North Main Street – Last meeting voted on that parking signs will come down. Copy of Ordinance by Attorney presented. Alderman Clark made a motion to repeal the No Parking on North Main Street and signs will come down, seconded by Weese, roll call vote, motion carried with all ayes.
 4. Discuss and Approve Water Tap Application for Bear Creek Genetics – Mayor said we do have resolution will make sure we get everything on that resolution, then Keith Plavec, city engineer from Maurer-Stutz, Inc., gave report. Keith was contacted by city to look at resolution and reach out to Bear Creek, to get his thoughts on water supply, treatment, and system. He created numbers for this report. He went back to 2014, 2015, and 2016. He looked up the highest consumers of water that are connected to the city water. He read his results on report, see Attached Memorandum. The Bear Creek Genetics is the same in comparison as one of the restaurants. In conclusion he does not see any issues with what was submitted from Bear Creek Genetics. The City's water system has adequate capacity to supply them. He still suggests that one or two other wells need to be further away from existing well site. Cindy Arnett still concerned about water shortage that took place in late 80's and 90's. She asked if the city has any ordinances regarding shortage of water. Attorney Nathan Collins says we do not have anything in place regarding this. Mayor states that THEY are going to pay for 700 feet of water line that will go to Milton Avenue, (a big expense). Attorney Collins states that the resolution allows the city to be able to take control. They are not a burdon on system. The resolution prevents increase of usage. The council has authority to take control, and act on any issues that develop. Mayor gave example of court case regarding the selling of water and how council and mayor were sued because they did not allow the selling of water. No vote at this time. Table at this time. (Alderman Spotloe left meeting at 7:20 p.m.)
 5. Discuss and Approve Halbert Apartment #3 TIF Application – Contract presented by Nick Halbert. Table till next meeting need to look over contract.
 6. Discuss and Approve Bill for Damage to Steve Grissom's Field - received letter last meeting regarding damages on his field when the well field work was done. Per Keith Plavec, Mr. Grissom would like to get the black dirt this fall to replace it in his field after crops are out. Motion by Alderman Clark to get the black dirt that Steve Grissom is requesting this fall, seconded by Weese, roll call vote, Alderman Clark, Hough, Weese and Mayor Littlefield, motion carried all ayes.

7. Discuss and Approve Ordinance relating to Terrill Title Co. Façade Grant – Alderman Clark made a motion to approve Ordinance for \$5,0000.00 Facade grant, (outside of building) for Terrill Title Co., seconded by Weese, roll call vote, Alderman Clark, Weese, Hough and Mayor Littlefield, motion carried all ayes.
8. Discuss and Approve Advisory Budget – Amanda said still need to figure out a few more numbers regarding Motor Fuel Tax and more involving tourism fund. According to Keith Plavec if no budget by state the intersection could come to a halt. This will also put a halt on sidewalks for the city. Table at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Payment for Repairs at Well field – from Engineered Solutions Midwest, Inc. labor and material (\$10,058.78) to repair the 75HP VFD that failed due to power surge. Motion by Alderman Clark to approve payment to Engineered Solutions Midwest, Inc. in the amount of \$10,058.78, seconded by Weese, roll call vote, Alderman Hough, Clark, Weese and Mayor Littlefield, motion carried all ayes.
2. Discuss 415 West Avenue C Water Bill Payment Amount – Micki Henderson wants to know how bill occurred in the amount of \$300.00 since January when water is shut off. In November high water bill, wants to make payments to get water turned back on. Has not been charged for water since March according to Amanda. The water was shut off January 6, 2017 because of not paying water bills for two months. Total customer has to pay is \$360.99 for November 2016 and December 2016 for water, and then reconnect fee and recycle fee making total of \$426.99. Micki said they can do a payment plan of \$100.00 a month plus monthly water bill. Motion by Alderman Clark to accept a payment plan with Micki Henderson of \$100.00 a month PLUS monthly water bill, seconded by Hough, roll call vote, Alderman Clark, Weese, Hough and Mayor Littlefield, motion carried all ayes.
3. Discuss and Approve purchase of Bucket for Backhoe to clean out Ditches – Alderman Hough, has two estimates on 48” ditching bucket, one Stambaugh & Sons price \$1,500.00 and Birkey’s price was \$2,106.00. Motion by Alderman Weese made a motion to approve the purchase of a 48” ditching bucket from Stambaugh & Sons in the amount of \$1,500.00, seconded by Clark, roll call vote, Alderman Clark, Weese, Hough and Mayor, motion carried with all ayes.
4. Discuss and Approve New Telephone System and Monthly Bill for City Hall – Three estimates one from MidCentury and one from Voice Spring and one from Heart Technologies, Inc.. Last spring a power surge messed up the system. On May 31 the contract will be up with previous company (Call One). MidCentury is cheapest with a quote of \$114.92 a month with a one time charge of \$1,018.52. They are a local company. Motion by Alderman Clark to approve new telephone system and monthly bill with MidCentury Communications, seconded by Weese,

- roll call vote, Alderman Hough, Clark, Weese and Mayor, motion carried with all ayes.
5. Adopt Prevailing Wage Ordinance – This Ordinance has to be approved every year. Motion by Alderman Weese to adopt Prevailing Wage Ordinance, seconded by Clark, roll call vote, Alderman Clark, Weese, Hough and Mayor, motion carried with all ayes.
 6. Vote to Donate Tourism Money for Fireworks - \$2,000.00 donated last year. Motion by Alderman Clark to donate \$2,000.00 out of the Tourism Fund for the fireworks, seconded by Weese, roll call vote, Alderman Clark, Weese, Hough and Mayor, motion carried with all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Clark made a motion to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Seconded by Alderman Hough motion carried all ayes.

Cindy Goddard, City Clerk