

## LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE March 26, 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, Trever Kelley, Jennifer Hebb, John Foxall, Sheldon Burget, John Spotloe and Mayor Elmer Littlefield. Also present: Wendy Martin from the Fulton Democrat, City Clerk Cindy Goddard, City Treasurer Debby Brown, Chief of Police John Werland, Public Works Director Gary Shawgo, City Attorney Nathan Collins, Kim Pascal. Kendall Miller, Karen King, Josh Mercer and Jerry McCoy.

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM** by Mayor Elmer Littlefield

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

Alderman Foxall made a motion to approve the minutes of March 12, 2019, second by Alderman Spotloe roll call vote; the motion carried all ayes except for Alderman Burget that said present.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Debbie Brown. Nothing to report.

### **PRESENTATION OF BILLS:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:** Kendall Miller asked if city owns a street sweeper. The Mayor told Mr. Miller that there is a schedule being prepared at this time, it will say for what portion of town is being swept and when. It will be published for the public to see and be aware of. Mr. Miller also stated that the garbage and limbs on and along the streets, needs to be addressed.

(At end of meeting, he missed hearing it was time for public comments) Jerry McCoy addressed the council regarding the alley by his garage. It is a gravel dirt street that turns into alley, Patton Street off of Broadway. Mr. McCoy stated it has holes in it, the water runs off into his garage. He was told his house and garage is below the street level. This has been addressed before. He says it needs to be leveled or closed. The neighbor does not want it closed. When the garage was built it was lower than the street. Mr. McCoy said that the street is a lot higher than it used to be. Discussion on who should take care of this problem. Public Works Director, Gary Shawgo said he would go down and blade the road off again.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Attorney Nathan Collins. Nothing at this time.

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**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Keith Plavec. No Engineer present. The Mayor informed everyone that he has tried to get as many grants as possible for different projects that need taken care of. Josh Mercer is to address council regarding 2019 CDBG Application for waste water treatment plant improvements. Mr. Mercer said that tomorrow he is attending training for grants applications in Springfield. For a \$500,000.00 grant (max amount) the amount out of pocket for city is around \$80,000.00. Josh is planning on setting up a meeting with Keith Plavec (engineer) next week. Population is around 2400, bonus points per person served. Due date is August 29, 2019. EPA permit needed to be submitted ASAP. The cost from them is \$1,500 for doing the application and mailings. Extra charge if THEY have to go door to door to get the 75% return rate on the income surveys of the entire community, the city can have volunteers go door to door. Three to four month return on an answer for getting the grant. We already have a sidewalk grant and a well field grant. We will find out in the next week or two regarding the sidewalk grant. DNR grants for parks and land for development for parks and playgrounds are available again. Motion by Alderman Clark and second by Alderman Burget to proceed with the grant application all agree. Not a roll call vote.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderman Clark: Nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderman Burget: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Foxall: Nothing to report.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Spotloe: Chief Werland said there are two police cars out of commission at this time.

Water – Mayor Littlefield: Nothing new to report. He informed the council that the water meters are still being set up, servers are up and running, MTU's were picked up by Aclara and returned today with the new FCC frequency installed. License has been approved, five different antennas that will be used to pick up the frequency.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: A couple of complaints he was going to address, but Chief Werland has taken care of that already. It is almost mowing and burning season. The smoldering fire is a nuisance to everyone with windows open and people outside. Chief Werland suggested maybe a schedule for burning. Burning hours are 8:00 to 5:00 p.m., seven days a week already. In the ordinance it does say recreational burning is allowed at night for residence.

Alderman Kelley had more questions on the School Resource Officer. Attorney Collins said he has not heard back from Ms. Davis regarding this matter. One school

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board member that Attorney Collins spoke with said he has not even looked at the rough draft of the agreement yet. The Mayor stated that the unexpected expenses in the past year has taken care any extra money the city has.

Tourism – Alderman Hebb: Nothing to report. American Legion reunion for 100 years was wonderful per Alderman Clark.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Roll call vote regarding Harold Pratt large water bill and making payments - Roll call vote motion by Alderman Burget, second by Alderman Clark all approved for Harold Pratt to pay \$50.00 plus regular bill each month till all paid.
- b. Discuss/Approve Ordinance relating to the Installation and Maintenance of Potable Water Service Lines – Table at this time.


#### NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discuss/Approve Resolution for temporary closure of Main Street for Homecoming Parade – Motion by Alderman Spotloe to approve resolution for temporary closure of Main Street for the Homecoming Parade on September 13, 2019, second by Alderman Burget, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
- b. Discuss/Approve purchase of Grinder Pump with a submersible Motor in the amount of \$6,766.00 for the South lift station - Motion by Alderman Burget to purchase the Grinder Pump in the amount of \$6,766.00 for the South lift station second by Alderman Kelley, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

CLOSED SESSION: No closed session

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Burget made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.; Seconded by Alderman Clark motion carried all ayes.

  
Cindy Goddard, City Clerk