

**LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**DATE May 12, 2020**

The Lewistown City Council met in a Zoom Webinar. Mayor Elmer Littlefield called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Aldermen Sally Clark, Alderman Trever Kelley, Alderman Kim Pascal, Alderman John Spotloe, Mayor Elmer Littlefield, City Clerk Cindy Goddard, and City Treasurer Debby Brown.

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM** by Mayor Elmer Littlefield

**CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES:** Cindy Goddard

Alderman Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of April 28, 2020, and the Special meeting minutes of April 29, 2020, second by Alderman Pascal roll call vote, the motion carried all ayes.

At 6:34 p.m. text received from Billie Simmons that Alderman Doug Lafary, and Alderman Kendall Miller were on the Zoom meeting at the Lewistown Township office.

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

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS:** All bills were emailed to Alderman to look at. Alderman Clark made a motion to approve all bills properly endorsed; Seconded by Alderman Kelley roll call vote, the motion carried with all ayes.

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Keith Plavec. No Engineer present. Mayor Littlefield stated that IDOT has implemented the first REBUILD Illinois Grant that is related to the Covid 19 virus the City of Lewistown is to receive \$26,185.83 twice a year for the next 3 years; total amounts will vary based on the MFT formula. A total of \$1.5 billion to be given out over the next 3 years. The road in front of Central School is to be oiled and chipped this summer, that amount is \$6,900 we can add 2 inches of asphalt for about \$59,000.00 more, we have the extra estimated amount of \$22,000.00 we need in the MFT fund. The Mayor would like the council's approval to get estimates. Alderman Kelley wants to know how far it will go, Mayor said it will be the road that is the city street in front of the school, does not include the subdivision. Alderman Spotloe asked about the culvert. The city employees have dug out the culvert and worked on the drainage already. Alderman Spotloe and Alderman Kelley agreed this is a golden opportunity to work on this street. Mayor Littlefield stated we may need to cut back on next years' oil and chip. George Merkle will get us the paper work to take bids for next meeting for that road. Alderman Clark also agreed good idea.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:**

Todd Volker from US Census wanted to give us an updated on the census. It is still proceeding; in 2010 the percentage was 71.7% response. At this time 61.5% have responded. Looking at Lewistown the percentage is 60.5%. Lewistown had a 73% total in 2010. Hopefully there is a team census taking during Scenic Drive. He wants to ask board members and council members to get the word out. It averages \$953.00 per person per year, need to get everyone counted. That is money for the municipality and other organizations.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance – Alderman Clark: Nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderman Spotloe: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderman Miller: Nothing to report.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Lafary: Nothing to report.

Water – Mayor Littlefield: Nothing to report.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Alderman Pascal: Coat closet is ready; Alderman Pascal and Debbie Brown have put coats in it. Alderman Clark wants to know if anything else can be put in there, scarves, gloves, and summer jackets. We do not want bags of stuff placed in there.

**OLD BUSINESS: NO old business.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discuss/Approve revised Ordinance for RJH Enterprises (Rocket Tap) and City of Lewistown TIF Agreement – Mayor explained why we were voting on a new Ordinance. The previous ordinance was not plain. He listened to the recorded minutes when it was voted on and it specifically was \$15,000.00 each year for 3 years total of \$45,000.00. New TIF attorney clarified it and wrote up a new ordinance. Motion by Alderman Miller to approve the revised Ordinance for the TIF agreement between RJH Enterprises (Rocket Tap) and City of Lewistown, second by Alderman Lafary, roll call vote motion carried all ayes.
2. Mayor to Appoint Department Heads: Public Works Director, Chief of Police and Administrative Assistant – Public works first Mayor has appointed Evinn

Palmer as new public works director, Gary Shawgo still working for the City, and all working very well together. Mayor Littlefield read a letter that was received in the mail and was unsigned it was complimenting city workers, police department and fire department. Appointment of Chief of Police being Chief John Werland, Administrative Assistant is Cindy Goddard.

3. Mayor to Appoint Committee Chairman – No changes, same as before on committees.
4. Appointment of Liquor Committee – One exception being Alderman John Spotloe is taking Alderman Kendall Miller's place.
5. Appointment of Zoning Board Committee – No changes, stays the same.

Alderman Miller moved that next council meeting be at city hall, return to regular status. Motion by Alderman Miller, second by Alderman Lafary, wants to have council vote on it. The Mayor said that cannot be done, going against governors orders. Alderman Lafary kept saying there are a motion and a second. They claimed we moved from city building because we knew they were coming. Alderman Clark said Fulton County is doing it they can choose if they want to be at meeting or attend virtually. Alderman Miller said other cities are doing it. Alderman Clark said we can have at the Visitors Center and spread out, Mayor Littlefield reminded them we have to be able for public to call in, will need something set up. Alderman Lafary said the Mayor will never see it their way. Roll call vote, Alderman Clark aye, Alderman Kelley aye, Alderman Lafary aye, Alderman Miller aye, Alderman Pascal no (does not feel comfortable), Alderman Spotloe aye.

Mayor stated that there is a law that cannot be over 10 people. Alderman Lafary says it is not a law. It is only a recommendation. Mayor said it is an executive order.

Alderman Miller said to have it with the council only so not over 10.

Executive order argument if law or not. Mayor Littlefield will have Attorney Collins look into this to determine the answer.

Cindy Goddard asked Alderman Miller and Alderman Lafary if they were going to wear a mask and they said no. She stated that she does not want to get the coronavirus and if she does and takes it home to her husband, and one of them die they will have a law suite on their hands.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Pascal made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.; Seconded by Alderman Spotloe motion carried all ayes.

  
Cindy Goddard, City Clerk