

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE May 24, 2022

The Lewistown City Council met in regular session in the council chambers. Mayor Douglas Lafary called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation by Brant Reed

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Alderperson Sally Clark, Jim Long, Brad Ward, Kendall Miller, Kim Pascal, John Spotloe and Mayor Doug Lafary. Also present: City Clerk Cindy Goddard, and City Treasurer Debby Brown.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Doug Lafary

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard.

Alderperson Kendall Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of May 10, 2022 after correction, second by Alderperson Sally Clark roll call vote, the motion carried all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown. Treasurers report for April presented to Alderman, no questions.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. Absent

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:

Bill Bradley commented that the fires were slowing down and getting better. Someone did try jumping over his fence and tore it down last week, so he went and got some barbed wire to put up.

Alderperson Clark wondered if proclamation could be made up for Jane Boyd, belongs to American Legion and VFW, she done a lot for the community and her health is getting bad. She is 90 years old now. Maybe do something on the 4th of July or June 2 at the first music in the park. Decision was to dedicate the first Thursday of Music in the Park and make Jane Boyd Day. Mayor to say a little about her at Music in the Park on June 2.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/Insurance/Zoning – Alderperson Clark: Nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderperson Spotloe: Nothing to report.

Streets & Allies – Alderperson Miller: A large sink hole was filled in on Broadway.

Police/ESDA – Alderperson Ward: Previously two interviews for police officers, both are young. On August 30 they can start PTI, graduation day is December 9.

Water – Alderperson Miller: City Clerk read the release from Congresswoman Bustos. The Lewistown's Municipal Water Supply selected for funding. The city has an aging water system and infrastructure, funds will be used to complete a full rehabilitation of the ground storage water tank, replace inoperable valves and update pumps and motors with variable frequency drives. These upgrades will assist the city in maintaining compliance with levels set for in the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Act. Funding will be \$600,000.00 in FY23. The City will provide 20 % matching funds.

Utilities/Publications – Alderperson Long: Explained that Lewistown public works department and Canton public works department are going to purchase an EZ Valve and are going to share it.

Public Buildings & Grounds – Alderperson Long: Still working on things.

Tourism – Alderman Pascal: Getting ready for the 4th of July weekend. City fireworks are Sunday July 3. Looking for kids to participate in the Mr. Firecracker and Miss Sparkler contest. Parade for the kids is July 4 put on by Suzy Fuller that goes down Broadway. Music in Park starts June 2, and on June 30 will have fish fry to start the holiday weekend off. The new food shed is ready.

Tax Increment Financing – Alderperson Spotloe: Later in meeting.

Citizens Committee – Amanda Smith Mayor publicly thanked her for getting grant for the city to help improve the drinking water.

Christmas Committee - Kenny Haacke, Said Tina Henderson is going to raffle off a framed quilt. During Fulton County Fair Jim Long is going to donate any money that is given to him for driving people around on his side x side from parking lot. Kenney has talked to Farm King about Christmas Trees this past week, wants to start selling a couple of months a head so we know exact number of trees needed. The next meeting is not till September 23. About \$2400.00 raised at spaghetti supper includes donations, silent auction and meal. Wanted to thank everyone that has been donating money for the Downtown Christmas lights.

WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Evinn Palmer Director – Absent was still working.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve Ordinance Relating to handicap Parking near Now & Again Boutique – Attorney Collins provided Ordinance. Motion by Alderperson Brad Ward to approve Ordinance relating to handicap parking at corner of Main Street and West Washington near Now & Again Boutique, second by Alderperson Kendall Miller, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
2. Discuss/Approve Ordinance by and between The City of Lewistown and Wash Zone, LLC TIF agreement – Ordinance needs corrected from Trever Kelley to Jim Long. TIF agreement had been approved at last meeting on May 10. Motion by Alderperson Jim Long to approve Ordinance for TIF agreement by and between The City of Lewistown and Wash Zone in the amount of \$20,995.00 grant, second by Alderperson Sally Clark, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss/Approve with Bruce Weirauch about putting Up WWII Board and Where to Place One – Toni Butkovich all round excellent athlete, went to Purdue one year then went into Marines killed in Okinawa. In 1946 Lewistown created monuments, one with names on it from WWII, it was wood and rotted and was thrown away. Buzz Bissinger coming to town in fall for a book signing, Bruce going to have items from other WWII veterans for show at this time. Mayor Lafary asked if someone going to make this sign? Not yet set up anything. Mayor suggested putting it on side of the Visitors Center. Bruce also wanted to bring up that in February 1980 there was a fire in apartment house where Subway building is now located, Joe Richter died saving three people. Feels we should put up something for that. Maybe in empty lot across street that the Fire Department owns. One idea maybe contact Lisa Welker and the art department at high school to paint the names on the side of the building, make sign or mural. Next year Fulton County will be 200 years old, it would be nice to have it done before that. Table at this time for Bruce to get ideas.

1. Discuss/Approve donation to The Lewistown Fire Works (Craig Miller from Chamber) – City Clerk said that last couple years donation was \$1,000.00 each year. Motion by Alderperson Kim Pascal for the amount to go back to \$1,500.00, second by Alderperson Kendall Miller, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
2. Discuss/Approve Nuisance Violations (trash, weeds, grass) – Alderperson Miller stated there are properties with high grass all over town, when city mows that means the citizens are paying for that grass to be mowed, he is tired of paying for other people's yards to be mowed. Maybe all town clean-up day again. Chief Werland has been working on this all spring, some yards/houses still tagged from previous years.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

CLOSED SESSION: No closed session

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderperson Clark made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.; Seconded by Alderperson Miller motion carried all ayes.


Cindy Goddard, City Clerk