

## **WATER COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday May 25, 2021**

The water committee meeting met in the council chambers at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Alderperson Kendall Miller, Chairman, Alderperson Sally Clark, Evinn Palmer, Public Works, Cindy Goddard and Mayor Doug Lafary. Also, Brock Waller, Timothy Monn and Jeff Rohlwing.

The water line ends at Scovill Road in middle of hill. The new house of Richardson's has already tapped to the main. Need to run a 4" line down Scovill Road. Two 2-inch lines can be run from main but if 4" then others can tap to it, can't tap on a 2 inch. They are willing to run a 4" line. Brock Waller is the last house on line, Tim Monn is the second house. Four-inch line is required if more than one person is tapped on. Kendall Miller didn't know if cheaper to rent a trencher or hire someone to put the line in, could hire someone to do trenching and the city put in line. Evinn Palmer said to get estimates and also need to bore under road. Alderperson Miller stated this is also a dead-end line, sometimes issues, probably won't ever loop it, for sure 2 houses on the line. Need to get the prices and both agree to pre-annex into the city. Explained to them they are responsible for everything from tap to their houses. It is Lewistown Township. Also, the city has plenty of water for additional taps. We will make recommendation to council when all estimates have been gotten. If over a certain amount have to get bids.

Adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

## **LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE May 25, 2021**

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: Brant Reed from the Illinois Street Christian Church

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Alderperson Sally Clark, Brad Ward, Kendall Miller, Kim Pascal, John Spotloe and Mayor Doug Lafary. Also present: City Clerk Cindy Goddard, Public Works Director Evinn Palmer, and City Attorney Nathan Collins. ABSENT: Trever Kelley and Deb Brown

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Doug Lafary

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard.

Alderperson Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2021; second by Alderperson Miller the motion carried all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown. Absent.

Motion by Alderperson Miller, second by Alderperson Spotloe to approve the treasurer's report, motion carried all ayes.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Attorney Nathan Collins. There is An Ordinance regarding agenda in a certain order. We can vacate that ordinance according to Nathan Collins. Put on agenda next meeting.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:** Jerry Ford maybe good idea to bring ESDA back to Lewistown, something we need for storm spotting. This would help with a disaster. No local director at this time according to Mayor Lafary. Place on agenda for next meeting. Chief Werland explained we don't have any equipment downstairs anymore and no money in the budget. They use to park cars at Fulton County Fairgrounds to get money for the previous EDSA expenses. Mayor Lafary is going to contact Chris Helle regarding this.

Mayor Lafary received a letter from a resident that moved away and then moved back. She wants to see more pride and ownership in the community. Copies passed out.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Sewer – Aldersperson Spotloe: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Aldersperson Miller: Nothing to report.

Police/ESDA – Aldersperson Ward: Nothing to report.

Water – Aldersperson Miller: Water Committee meeting previously before council meeting. We have two residents that want to tap to city water on Scovill Hill Lane. Need to get prices of material and labor. Will need to run down the road for the two and they have to sign agreement for pre-annexation. Will table till next meeting with more information.

Utilities/Publications – Aldersperson Kelley: Absent.

Buildings and Grounds – Aldersperson Kelley: Absent. Mayor Lafary stated the painting has started on the Gazebo by the FOP lodge.

Tourism – Alderman Pascal: June 1, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at The Visitors Center for 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary everyone welcome.

Tax Increment Financing – Aldersperson Spotloe: Nothing to report. Cindy Goddard said Billie Simmons will be bringing an application for Healing Springs for a sign and a new door.

Citizens Committee – Amanda Smith wants neighbors to get more involved. Alderperson Kelley had received some complaints recently. A lot of individuals want this done. Other towns like Havana have beautified their community. Read recently that in Manito a lot of ordinance codes were being broken most of them were elderly and needed help. Need a beautification plan and a long-term strategy. Need to improve the buildings and more lighting. A grant has been submitted already. Hopefully hear from that soon. Maybe some art work can be done on the buildings. Need to take pride and ownership of their community. I have divided this into 3 categories, economic development, housing development and community development. Maybe an example is adopting a planter for more greenery. Also, maybe community clean up day, or residential TIF funding from state. Lighting grants/funding, recreation opportunities, would like to look at our strengths and new businesses to improve our community. Central Illinois Foundation Grants are in September. To make a difference maybe the religious community, business owners, park district and volunteers will help; maybe have a town hall meeting to get public opinions. I would like to move forward with all this. Previous Mapping Group that was about 4 or 5 years ago was explained by Alderperson Miller, Music in The Park was developed from this. Already have a bike trail and a hiking trail, had number of groups but they lost interest. Chief Werland explained that a lot of buildings are abandoned and issues with the reverse mortgage situation, they need cleaned up. Three years for back tax for deeds to go thru. Need to put liens on these properties. One part-time employee is doing all the mowing. Mayor Lafary wants to check into the Scavenger sales. Attorney Collins explained we can't force anyone to clean up property or make them follow the ordinances after they purchase the taxes. Mayor Lafary told her we will support her.

**WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Evinn Palmer explained the flowers are planted, have been patching the streets, and the gazebo is getting painted. Water numbers are down since the last leak. The summer help is starting June 1.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None


**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discuss/Approve Water Tap for Brock Waller – tabled till next meeting
2. Discuss/Approve Water Tap for Timothy Monn – tabled till next meeting
3. Discuss/Approve Blocking off Square for Scenic Drive (Marsha Jones) – Last year the council approved blocking off the square for the Scenic Drive. The Scenic Drive Organization wants to block off the square for the two weekends around the courthouse. Maybe also Lincoln down to Old Library. Motion by Alderperson Spotloe to block off the Square around the Courthouse for the two weekends of Scenic Drive including Lincoln down to Library, second by Alderperson Miller, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
4. Discuss/Approve Ordinance Relating to Removal of Stop Sign, corner of East Eisenhower and North Elm - People from the American Legion would like the stop sign taken down. It is a 4 way stop right now. Brad Ward talked to the residence they do not care if signs are removed. Motion by Alderperson Clark to

- remove two stop signs at the southwest and northeast corners of the intersection of East Eisenhower and North Elm Street stopping eastbound and westbound traffic, second by Brad Ward, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
5. Discuss/Approve new mower for Public Works - Two Bass and 1 John Deere quote. The city tried out a Bass Equipment zero turn mower that is a Spartan, no flat on front but regular tires on back; the John Deere is no flat on front and back. Bass has Kawasaki motor with the quotes of \$7,443.10 and \$8,172.40. The John Deere estimate is \$10,461.20. The gentleman at Bass Equipment said we can borrow one if it breaks down. Alderperson Ward made motion to purchase the \$7,443.10 Spartan at Bass Equipment, second by Alderperson Clark roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
  6. Resolution for authorizes speaker for charge card – City Clerk Cindy Goddard explained that the card account is still in previous administrative name and there has to be a resolution to change it, can't call and get late charges and anything like that removed. Motion by Alderperson Spotloe to pass resolution for charge card speaker, second by Alderperson Clark, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
  7. Discuss/Approve Resolution for Homecoming Parade on September 10, 2021 – Motion by Alderperson Clark to approve Resolution for Homecoming Parade on September 10, 2021, second by Alderperson Pascal, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
  8. Discuss/Approve Agreement with Collins and Collins – This is a yearly agreement. Motion by Alderperson Miller to approve the Agreement with Collins and Collins Law Office, second by Alderperson Ward, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
  9. Appointment of Department Heads – John Werland appointed Chief of Police and Evinn Palmer appointed Public Works Director. Motion by Alderperson Ward for appointments of Chief of Police and Public Works Director, second by Alderperson Spotloe, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes
  10. Appointment of Liquor Commissioners and Chairman – Mayor Lafary as Chairman with same people as before for Commissioners. Motion by Alderperson Miller to approve Liquor Chairman and Commissioners, second by Alderperson Spotloe, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
  11. Appointment of Zoning Board Members - Mayor Lafary as Chairman, with same people as Zoning Board. Motion by Alderperson Spotloe to approve appointment of Zoning Board Members, second by Alderperson Clark, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Alderperson Miller made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.; Seconded by Alderperson Clark motion carried all ayes.

  
Cindy Goddard, City Clerk