

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE September 10, 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, Doug Lafary, Kendall Miller, Kim Pascal, John Spotloe and Mayor Elmer Littlefield. Also present: Wendy Martin from the Fulton Democrat, City Clerk Cindy Goddard, and Chief of Police John Werland, Public Works Director Gary Shawgo, City Attorney Nathan Collins, Joe Carruthers, Steve Kline, and Dave Vacca. **ABSENT:** City treasurer Debbie Brown.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Elmer Littlefield

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard.

Alderman Spotloe made a motion to approve the minutes of August 27, 2019, second by Alderman Clark roll call vote, the motion carried all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown. Absent

Motion by Alderman Miller to approve the July treasurer report, second by Alderman Pascal, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:

Dave Vacca is applying for a TIF grant for a flower shop on the square. His wife and he are going to have online retail sales along with the flower shop and they feel it would benefit the community. The Mayor agrees that there is a need for a flower shop and will keep the application when we have money.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderman Clark: Nothing to report.

Utilities/Publications – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Alderman Kelley: Nothing to report.

Police/ESDA – Alderman Lafary: Chief Werland said there are ongoing issues with pools, there was a complaint (Hines) regarding the fencing around a pool, and it was completed and signed off by zoning officer previously. At this time the fence is not very tall above the grade. The other issue is the house is for sale and empty, so no one is taking care of the pool. In the spring the owner added chemicals, at this time not enough chlorine and cover is ripped. Owner said he will treat it again and put a new cover on it. It was tested today prior to today there was not enough chlorine in it and had live mosquitoes in it. The owner was given 5 days to take care of this matter. Mayor said this is one of the newer properties that are up for sale and one of the nicer ones.

Street & Alley – Alderman Miller: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Alderman Pascal: Nothing to report. But the Mayor said there is a nice story on the front page of The Democrat, regarding removal of appliances, metals, and junk cars. In the article it tells names and phone numbers of the people that will take the items. September 20 the city is collecting tires and that was explained in the article. It was also mentioned to the community that if yards not cleaned up then tickets will be issued.

Scarecrow contest is approaching; also the Homecoming Parade is this Friday, also Black Sheep festival at Dickson Mounds this coming Friday. A part of the Walker house may be open for Scenic Drive showing the puppets.

Sewer – Alderman Spotloe: Nothing to report.

Water – Mayor Littlefield: Still installing the new water meters.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve Ordinance regarding Mileage for Full Time Police Officers and Employees: Attorney Collins has written up an ordinance. Motion by Alderman Pascal to approve Ordinance regarding Mileage for Full Time Police Officers and Employees, second by Alderman Miller, roll call vote, Alderman Clark yes, Alderman Kelly no, Alderman Lafary yes, Alderman Miller yes, Alderman Pascal yes, Alderman Spotloe yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve New Aerator for Water System, 2 quotes, and one from Lakeside and one from Aeration Industries International: There are four aerators at the Waste Water plant; bearings go out continuously, shaft bends, the city is repairing every year. Someone from out of state came and explained about a different kind of aerator to Joe Carruthers. Joe explained that there are two concrete oxidation ditches to treat waste water, the rotating paddle parts are exposed to the weather. New aerator is a flotation device, which is put in the

ditches. Our concrete ditches are in good shape and will be for years to come. Can keep making repairs each year if want. Joe wants to do a little more homework on other aerators but wants to know if the concept sounds good to everyone. One aerator is down right now. The mayor is looking for an option of \$33,600.00 to rent for 12 months. Joe said it would be close to \$38,000.00 when complete. Need to do something instead of just repairing. Joe said up to \$20,000.00 for repairs on old one that is down. Mayor stated we need to look into different types and prices and then bring back to council to vote on. Per Mayor if we have another one go down we may be in trouble, not in crises right now. Table at this time. Going to pursue and bring back to council.

2. Discuss/Approve Agreement with The Economic Development Group (Steve Kline), of Jacob & Klein and The City of Lewistown for TIF professional services: Presently we do not have money in TIF, needs to be run as business, and find out the return, also the partnership we work with only does the paper work and sends us a bill. This group does Canton, Farmington, and Table Grove already. Steve Kline stated he had meeting with Mayor and Cindy. He handed out a folder with all information regarding group to the Alderman. This Group started in 2003. Jacob and Klein are Attorneys and The Economic Development Group is separate, the hands on department. They represent about 90 cities in Illinois. Charge an annual flat fee so the city is not charged for every call. The attorneys provide the over site to make sure city is compliant with TIF regulations. Will meet with developers if need. They track the tax increment reports. May want to update the 2003 TIF Project. The fee is \$6,000.00 a year and is paid quarterly. Mayor had a question regarding contract, hoping that the mileage or copying charges are not excessive. Is this a rollover after three years, yes if everyone is happy with services. Motion by Alderman Kelley to approve the Agreement with The Economic Development Group of Jacob & Klein and The City of Lewistown second by Alderman Clark roll call vote, motion carried all ayes including Mayor Littlefield.

Motion to go into closed session by Alderman Kelley, second by Alderman Spotloe motion carried all ayes.

Doors closed.

Doors opened at 7:39 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Spotloe made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.; Seconded by Alderman Clark motion carried all ayes.


Cindy Goddard, City Clerk