

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE March 11, 2025

Lewistown City Hall at 1:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Alderperson Chairman Sally Clark, Alderperson Brad Ward, was present also present Evinn Palmer, Chris Ford, Beka Schultz, City Clerk Cindy Goddard and Administrative Assistant Natalie Nelson. ABSENT: Alderperson John Spotloe, Mayor Doug Lafary

### BUSINESS TO DISCUSS – Budget FY26

Beka Schultz accountant has met with the department heads regarding projects, capital items, utilities, and went over funds, MFT funds on hold right now. This meeting is for what will be presented to the council. April 22 is latest scheduled meeting to OK the budget. It has to be available to public for 30 days to view if want. Estimated income for General Fund is \$1,042,980.00. Increases across the board for employees was figured at 2 ½% so looking at \$13,384.07 total and 4% \$21,414.51 total across the board without the police and summer part-time help. Discussion of sample budget to place. General Fund does have around \$4,000,000.00 in it. So for Deficit of \$343,972.00 for General fund, Water Fund Deficit of \$243,950.00, Waste Water deficit of \$61,050.00.

Recommendation of 4% rise across board to the city council.

Adjourned 1:36 p.m. by Chairman Sally Clark.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE March 11, 2025

Lewistown City Hall, 6:15 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Sally Clark Chairman, Alderperson John Spotloe, Brad Ward, and Mayor Doug Lafary. Absent Alderperson John Spotloe.

BUSINESS TO DISCUSS – Budget FY26 Committee met previously at 1:00 p.m. today. Chief Ford lowered his budget by \$10,000.00. City Wide revenue is \$3,102,802.00, with a total deficit of \$645,213.00. Paper was handed out for the total for pay increases, of 2.5% is \$13,384.07, or 4% is \$21,414.51 city wide.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m. by Chairman Sally Clark, second by Brad Ward.

## LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE March 11, 2025

Lewistown City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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: Mayor Lafary

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Alderperson Sally Clark, Jim Long, Brad Ward, Kendall Miller, David Levingston, and Mayor Doug Lafary. Also present: City Clerk Cindy Goddard, City Treasurer Debby Brown, Administrative Assistant Natalie Nelson, and Public Works Director Evinn Palmer, Police Chief Chris Ford, City Attorney Nathan Collins, and Beka Schultz city accountant. **ABSENT:** Alderperson John Spotloe, and Treasurer Deb Brown.

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM** by Mayor Doug Lafary

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

Alderperson Long made a motion to approve the minutes of Feb 11, 2025, second by Alderperson Clark, the motion carried all ayes.

Report- No report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Debbie Brown. Absent

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:** N/A

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Sewer – Alderperson Spotloe: Absent.

Streets & Allies – Alderperson Levingston: Nothing to report.

Police/ESDA – Alderperson Ward: Nothing to report.

Water – Alderperson Miller: Dealing with water losses, very dry now, so if see a water leak, water running, please call the city hall.

Utilities/Publications – Alderperson Long: Nothing to report.

Public Buildings & Grounds – Alderperson Long: Wants to remind everyone to be careful burning very dry and windy.

Tourism – Alderman Miller: Spring Drive May 3 and 4. The last fish fry for the American Legion is coming up. Emiquon has a lot of programs being presented, check their website.

Tax Increment Financing – Alderperson Spotloe: Absent.

Citizens Committee – Amanda Sutphen have not heard from her regarding grant money.

Christmas Committee - Kenny Haacke Spaghetti Super is March 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Delivery is from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. only. We are collecting donations for the silent auction. Dessert is for dine in only.

Economic Development Committee – Erin Ahart March 13 the Chamber informational meeting at the Visitors Center with Canton Chamber being present. A business can join both for price of one. Consignment Auction at the Fulton County Fair Grounds is April 12, on the 20<sup>th</sup> is the Meet the Candidate night at the Farm Bureau Building. A Survey for the broadband will be on Facebook for you to take.

**WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Evinn Palmer Director later in new business.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discuss/Act Upon removing Levi Peitzmier off of all City of Lewistown Bank Accounts, from Ipava State Bank, MidAmerica National Bank, Prairie State Bank, and Havana National Bank and adding Natalie Nelson on all City of Lewistown Bank Accounts at Ipava State Bank, MidAmerica National Bank, Prairie State Bank, and Havana National Bank – Motion to approve removing Levi Peitzmier off of the accounts at the Ipava State Bank, MidAmerica National Bank, Prairie State Bank, and Havana National Bank by Kendall Miller, and add Natalie Nelson to the Ipava State Bank, MidAmerica National Bank, Prairie State Bank, and Havana National Bank, second by Alderperson Clark, motion carried all ayes.
2. Discuss/Act Upon Ordinances for Harvest Sky Boutique TIF Agreement, Sam Shumaker Electric LLC, and Festive Florals TIF Agreement – Motion by Alderperson Ward to approve the TIF Ordinance for Harvest Sky Boutique, second by Alderperson Clark, roll call vote, and motion carried all ayes. Motion by Alderperson Miller to approve the TIF Ordinance for Shumaker Electric LLC, second by Alderperson Ward, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes. Motion by Alderperson Clark to approve the TIF Ordinance for Festive Florals, second by Alderperson Long, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
3. Discuss/Act Upon Budget for FY26 – Accountant said that any changes are needed by next Friday; the budget has to be posted for a month which would be April 22 because of the way the meetings fall. Deficit total General Fund is \$343,972.00, water \$243,950.00 and waste water \$61,050.00 the three main accounts, except on TIF deficit doesn't matter, paper passed out with the totals for the raises, if 2 ½% and for 4%. This is an informational meeting only; still need MFT totals, if any changes need to let her know. Tabled.
4. Discuss/Act Upon Change of amount on Fairgrounds Pump Station – Changes are from a Kohler to Caterpillar generator the difference is \$6,100.00 more, total now is \$1,20201.00. Motion by Alderperson Miller to approve the change amount of \$6,100.00 for the generator at the Fairgrounds Pump Station, second by Alderperson Long, roll call vote motion carried all ayes.
5. Discuss/Act Upon Adding Tim Wyman as our registered agent for our Employee Insurance – Health Insurance - Beka Schultz has worked with him for the last 14 years, Motion by Alderperson Long to approve the change to Tim Wyman as the city registered agent for the Employee Health Insurance, second by Alderperson Clark, roll call vote, Clark, yes, Long yes, Ward yes, Miller yes, Levingston no, motion carried.

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS:**

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

**CLOSED SESSION:** No closed session

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Aldersperson Miller made a motion to adjourn at 6:54 p.m.; motion carried all ayes.

  
Cindy Goddard, City Clerk