

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE March 25, 2025

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: Pastor Paul Walmsley

Aldersperson Levingston made a motion to make Aldersperson Miller acting mayor.

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

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Acting Mayor Kendall Miller

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard.

Aldersperson Spotloe made a motion to approve the minutes of March 11, 2025, second by Aldersperson Clark, the motion carried all ayes.

Report- It was discovered that the paper work to request the grant money to get reimbursed for the ground storage project had never been completed. So Natalie Nelson and I are in the process of trying to get that straightened out to request reimbursements of the \$600,000.00 grant the city received.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown. Absent.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. Absent

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS: N/A

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Sewer – Aldersperson Spotloe: Nothing to report.

Streets & Allies – Aldersperson Levingston: Nothing to report.

Police/ESDA – Aldersperson Ward: Nothing to report.

Water – Aldersperson Miller: Nothing at this time.

Utilities/Publications – Aldersperson Long: Nothing to report.

Public Buildings & Grounds – Aldersperson Long: Nothing to report.

Tourism – Alderman Miller: Saturday is the Downtown Christmas Spaghetti Supper and silent auction at the Lewistown VFW, and the American Legion at the VFW had a fabulous fish fry this past Friday around 300 meals served.

Tax Increment Financing – Alderperson Spotloe: Nothing.

Citizens Committee – Amanda Sutphen not present

Christmas Committee - Kenny Haacke Spaghetti Diner will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with delivery from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Economic Development Committee – Erin Ahart not present.

WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Evinn Palmer Director arrived at 6:50 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Act Upon New SRT-XD mower – Motion by Alderperson Long to purchase a new SRT-XD mower for \$12,292.00 for public works, second by Alderperson Spotloe, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
2. Discuss/Act Upon Whether to close or leave Bond Fund Account – Motion by Alderperson Clark to leave money in the Bond Fund Account where the cemetery wall was paid off if it is getting interest, second by Alderperson Long, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
3. Discuss/Act Upon Lewistown ESDA – Issues with setting off the siren, it was set off after storm has passed this past week. Denny Pasley met with county board safety chairman. The City can get own its frequency. Can get radios suggested by Alderperson Spotloe. Radios are ours, need to reprogram them, Chris Helle does not want to give up Lewistown, he has control of all of Fulton County at this time. Carl Williams, safety board chairman, is going to talk to Denny Pasley more about this. Each radio is \$300.00 to \$400.00 apiece. Need three more radios. We need to set that we are priority and make Chris Helle is second in priority Table at this time.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

CLOSED SESSION: No closed session

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderperson Ward made a motion to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.; motion carried all ayes.

Cindy Goddard, City Clerk