

TIF Committee Meeting

DATE February 24th, 2026, 5:45 p.m.

Committee Members: John Spotloe (Chairman), Dave Levingston, Brad Ward

Business to discuss: Lewistown TIF District

Aldersperson Levingston stated he thinks that we need to put stipulations on it. Aldersperson Levingston stated that he thinks if a business receives TIF that you should have to own the business for 3 years or pay the money back. Aldersperson Ward stated he agreed with Steve that it is to improve the buildings and property to raise the property taxes. Aldersperson Miller stated it is meant to improve the building. Aldersperson Levingston stated that the council should look at putting a rule on how much a person could get. Steve suggested that the council look at setting base rules like a check list. Steve also suggested that the council consider who is coming to ask for and what they are wanting to put in and if they are going to put the effort into it. Aldersperson Miller asked Steve if we could use TIF money to go into the landbank. Steve stated we could use TIF money if it is an eligible cost. Steve stated there are towns that use TIF money to purchase properties and either fix them to resell or tear down if they need it as long as it is in the TIF district. Steve stated that the city could fix the building and use it like an incubator and lease out to a new business that wanted to come to town. Steve stated that if the city would like to put a hold on TIF and use it to purchase a building and clean it up that the city has the ability to do that. Steve stated that when Canton had the gas explosion that the only windows that did not blow out were the ones that TIF helped pay for that were high tempered glass windows. Aldersperson Clark stated that the council should have another TIF meeting and all the alderman bring their thoughts and they discuss what they would like to do. Steve stated that he would help set basic guidelines for the city. Aldersperson Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Lewistown City Council Meeting

DATE February 24th, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Aldersperson Sally Clark, Aldersperson Jim Long, Aldersperson Brad Ward, Aldersperson Kendall Miller, Aldersperson Dave Levingston, Mayor Goddard. Also present: Chief Ford, Attorney Collins

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Cindy Goddard

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Natalie Nelson, absent.

Approve minutes from February 4th, 2026 City Council Meeting. Aldersperson Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of February 4th, 2026, Seconded by Aldersperson Clark, motion carried all ayes.

CLERKS REPORT: Natalie Nelson, absent.

TREASURES REPORT: Debbie Brown, absent.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Nathan Collins. Nothing to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Keith Plavec, Absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE/INSURANCE/ZONING- Alderperson Clark, nothing to report.

Sewer- Alderperson Levingston, nothing to report.

STREET & ALLIES- Alderperson Long, nothing at this time.

POLICE/ESDA- Alderperson Ward, new business. Dennis Pasley stated he had talked to the mayor shortly after they had issues with the North and South sirens and stated they needed to look into a grant to replace the North and South sirens. Dennis stated he had gone out and talked to the High School and they are going to write up a grant to replace the sirens. Dennis stated that they seem to be working fine now. Dennis stated they have storm spotting class in Havana on Thursday. Chief Ford stated that Tanner is doing good at the academy. Chief Ford also stated that Officer Stairwalt is going to county March second so they will be down to two officers until Tanner gets out of academy.

WATER- Alderperson Miller, nothing at this time.

UTILITIES/PUBLICATIONS- Alderperson Long, noting at this time.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS- Alderperson Long, nothing at this time.

Tourism- Alderperson Miller. Alderperson Miller stated there was going to be a presentation at the visitor's center about coal mining Thursday night at 6 p.m. Alderperson Miller stated he was going tomorrow night to represent the city at the economical meeting on rural development in Springfield. Mayor Goddard stated she had talked to a lady from OSF that wants to bring down a mobile trailer and the first one would be in April. Mayor Goddard stated that they would check blood pressures, blood sugars and give them information and it is all free. Mayor Goddard stated that after the first one if they were going to have a good response, they would bring a bigger one with a doctor and nurse on it and do post op follow ups and labs so people wouldn't have to go to Peoria.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING- Alderperson Spotloe, absent.

CITIZENS COMMITTEE- Amanda Sutphen, absent.

CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE- Kenny Haacke, absent.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- Erin Ahart, Erin stated that the Brownfield group has a 1.2-million-dollar grant and already have eyes on Lewistown being able to help downtown Lewistown. Erin stated that the notes she had taken from it was it depended on the code enforcement and level of participation of the city and owners. Erin stated that the 1.2-million can be used on community assessment, reuse planning, and positioning sites for other uses and having landbanks. Erin stated they have already secured the 1.2-million grant. Erin stated they said they would have a separate meeting with Lewistown to discuss it and help get it set up. Erin stated that the landbank could help take control of the buildings and get the process started. Erin stated that Lewistown was at the front of the line for this grant. Mayor Goddard stated that we had already done the first step. Erin stated she would help set up a meeting time for them to meeting with the city and discuss it. Mayor Goddard asked the council if they would like to think about it more or go ahead and schedule a meeting with them. Alderperson Miller stated he thinks that we need to take the next step.

Public Works Report: Evinn Palmer, nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Act Upon Buildings on Main St., Mayor Goddard stated she had found a resolution from 1984 from an engineer that had looked at those buildings and had stated that they were unsuitable for occupancy and an unsafe building.
2. Discuss/Act Upon Certificate of Deposit at Prairie State Bank, Council was presented with the rates from all of the banks. Alderperson Ward stated that the 24-month rate of 3.8 from Ipava State Bank appeared to be the best one. Alderperson Ward made a motion to move the Certificate of Deposit at Prairie State Bank to Ipava State Bank for 24 months at a 3.8% and Treasurer Debbie Brown, Clerk Natalie Nelson and Mayor Cindy Goddard has council approval to act on Certificate of Deposit at Ipava State Bank, Seconded by Alderperson Clark, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Act Upon Tire quote for police, Chief Ford had gotten a quote from Harmon's in Canton for tires for the Durango. Alderperson Levingston asked Chief Ford if he had gotten quotes from anywhere else or just Harmon's. Chief Ford stated that Harmon's is the only one that carries the z rated pursuit tires. Alderperson Ward made a motion to approve the \$1 quote for tires for the Durango, Seconded by Alderperson Clark, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
2. Discuss/Act Upon Library Tax Amount, Mayor Goddard stated it was the amount given to the library every year. Mayor Goddard stated that this year's amount is \$7,710.31. Alderperson Clark made a motion to approve the library tax amount of \$7,710.31, Seconded by Alderperson Long, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
3. Discuss/Act Upon Hiring a new officer, Chief Ford stated on March 2nd they will be down an officer. Chief Ford stated that he just needs approval to hire another officer to get them fully staffed again. Alderperson Clark made a motion to approve hiring a new officer, Seconded by Alderperson Ward, motion carried all ayes.
4. Discuss/Act Upon Agreement with John Malott. Attorney Collins stated the previous mayor Doug Lafary had made kind of a handshake agreement that the city would pay to tear down the property on Ave C that had burnt. Attorney Collins stated that John and Curtis Malott as the owners of the property would pay for the cost of the dumpsters and land fill fees. Attorney Collins stated that the city would provide the balance and equipment to go in and level the house. Attorney Collins stated that he thought it was best that we draw up a legal agreement to cover the city and allows the city to go on to the property. Alderperson Clark made a motion to approve the agreement with John Malott, Seconded by Alderperson Miller, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.
5. Discuss/Act Upon Janice Colglazier Liquor license application, Mayor Goddard stated that they have now but are moving locations and changing the name. Janice stated that her landlord had given her notice in December that her son was moving back and wanted to open a sandwich shop. Janice stated that they had decided to purchase a property and are going to be refurbishing it. Janice stated that as soon as she had her license approved through the state that they would close down for about three days and then move into the

new building. Alderperson Ward asked if it needs to go to the liquor commission first. Mayor Goddard was unsure if it needed to sense they already have one and are just moving locations. Alderperson Ward stated that sense the state is requiring it that it should go in front of liquor commission first. Tabled

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

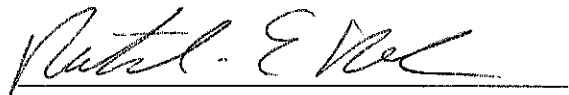
Alderperson Clark made a motion to approve all bills properly endorsed, Seconded by Alderperson Long, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

CLOSED SESSION: Pending or Threatened Litigation: Mayor Goddard made a motion to go into closed session at 7:24 p.m. Doors closed at 7:25 p.m.

Doors opened back up at 7:33 p.m., public to come back in, Mayor Goddard made a motion to go back into regular session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderperson Ward made a motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.; Seconded by Alderperson Miller.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Natalie Nelson", written over a horizontal line.

Natalie Nelson, City Clerk