

**LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**DATE April 28, 2026**

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

Invocation: Mayor Goddard

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Alderperson Sally Clark, Jim Long, Brad Ward, Kendall Miller, David Levingston and Mayor Cindy Goddard. Also present: Police Chief Chris Ford.

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM** by Mayor Cindy Goddard

**CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES:** Natalie Nelson. Nothing at this time.  
Alderperson Long made a motion to approve the minutes of April 28th, 2026, second by Alderperson Clark, the motion carried all ayes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Debbie Brown. Nothing at this time.

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Keith Plavec. Absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance/Insurance/Zoning** – Alderperson Clark: New business.

**Sewer** – Alderperson Levingston: Nothing to report.

**Streets & Allies** – Alderperson Long: Nothing to report.

**Police/ESDA** – Alderperson Ward: Dennis Pasley stated that they had been out twelve times so far this year. Dennis stated that the library had donated twenty-nine chairs and a table to esda.

**Water** – Alderperson Miller: New Business.

**Utilities/Publications** – Alderperson Long: Nothing to report.

**Public Buildings & Grounds** – Alderperson Long: Alderperson Long stated that Rab electric had told him that the generator would have to be a three phase and they would not have one until June at least. Alderperson Long stated that Evinn had contacted the company to help with lights for a rebate and that the city would only have to purchase the u-shape lights.

**Tourism** – Alderman Miller: Alderman Miller stated Spring Drive is coming up May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mayor Goddard stated that she was going to attend a meeting at the library on the 29<sup>th</sup> that would discuss events at Dickson Mounds.

**Tax Increment Financing** – Alderperson Spotloe: Absent

**Citizens Committee** – Amanda Sutphen Absent.

**Christmas Committee** - Kenny Haacke stated there is less than 8 months.

**Economic Development Committee**- Erin Ahart. Absent.

**WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Evinn Palmer Director. Evinn stated that the fairground project is ninety-nine percent done.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Act Upon Revising pto pay out- Alderperson Long stated that he was going to check with a few more towns. Council tabled.
2. Discuss/Act Upon Consolidation of trash pickup. Joe Hitchcock stated he had ball parked some numbers for the city and it would bring the city \$40k revenue a year. Joe stated he could start getting bids for the city as soon as the council agreed. Joe stated that he would get a 30% from the cut. Alderperson Ward asked if there would be a opt out for the residents that do not want it. Joe stated there would be. Alderperson Miller stated he did not think it would be a good idea. Alderperson Miller asked what happens to the ones that do not pay their water bill. Joe stated that if they had not paid their bills, we could call the company and they would not pick it up until they paid. Alderperson Ward made a motion to approve the agreement for him to get bids, Seconded by Alderperson Levingston, roll call vote, Alderperson Miller voted no, motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Act Upon Message Alert System Clerk Nelson stated that it would be a notification system for the city to utilize if they have a water leak, boil order, city event etc. Natalie stated that she had been working with Fulton County esda on it with other local city's and businesses. Natalie stated that it would be \$750 a year. Alderperson Clark asked who would be getting the money. Natalie stated that she would have to verify who would be getting the money. Council tabled.
2. Discuss/Act Upon FY27 Budget Alderperson Clark stated that the finance committee had a meeting and is recommending if the employee makes under \$25, they would get a \$1 raise and if the employee makes over \$25, they would get a 4% raise. Alderperson Clark stated that way it would benefit all the employees. Alderperson Ward asked about the deficient on most of the accounts. Alderperson Levingston stated that water was in a surplus and usually is not. Alderperson Miller made a motion to approve FY27 Budget 2027-01 with raises if the employee makes under \$25, they would get \$1 raise and if the employee makes over \$25, they would get a 4% raise, Seconded by Alderperson Clark, roll call, Alderperson Levingston voted no, motion carried.
3. Discuss/Act Upon Water Alderperson Miller stated that the city had four options to choose from for the water system. Alderperson Miller stated option one was deep wells and reverse osmosis treatment plant at N Main St, option two was manganese treatment plant at N Main St, option three was manganese treatment plant at the fairgrounds, option four was connection to Canton water system. Alderperson Miller stated he would choose option two. Public Works director Evinn stated that with option three the city would need to purchase more land at the fairgrounds and we would be land locked. Evinn stated that with option two we already have the property and would not be land locked with it. Alderperson Ward made a motion to approve option two the manganese treatment plant at N Main St, Seconded by Alderperson Miller, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes
4. Discuss/Act Upon Carpet Alderperson Long stated that Clifton gave him a quote for \$4,531.31 for carpet at the new building. Alderperson Levingston made a motion to approve the quote for \$4,531.31 from Clifton for carpet, Seconded by Alderperson Long, roll call vote, Alderperson Clark voted no, motion carried.
5. Discuss/Act Upon August 22<sup>nd</sup> close around courthouse and around church. Mayor Goddard stated this was for the Edgar Lee Masters Day Event. Alderperson Miller made a motion to approve closing around the courthouse and church on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Seconded by Alderperson Clark, motion carried all ayes.
6. Discuss/Act Upon Culvert for water plant. Public Works director Evinn stated that the culvert at the entrance to the water plant needed replaced. Evinn stated that Natalie had received an email from the chemical company about it. Evinn stated that the land owner had been told by the state they would replace it with a forty foot one for free but the land owner wanted the city to pay for half of a thirty-foot culvert. Alderperson Miller asked why the land owner did not want to go with a forty-foot culvert. Evinn stated that the land owner did not want that big of one. Alderperson Levingston made a motion to have the stated put in a forty-foot culvert, Seconded by Alderperson Long, roll call, motion carried all ayes.

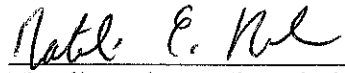
## PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Alderson Miller made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.; Seconded by Alderson Ward motion carried all ayes.



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Natalie Nelson, City Clerk