

LEWISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE August 25, 2020

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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Alderperson Sally Clark, Trever Kelley on Zoom, Doug Lafary, Kendall Miller, Kim Pascal on Zoom, John Spotloe (on Zoom then arrived at 6:35 p.m.) and Mayor Elmer Littlefield. Also Present: City Clerk Cindy Goddard, Treasurer Debbie Brown on Zoom, Public Works Director Evin Palmer, City Attorney Nathan Collins.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM by Mayor Elmer Littlefield Jr.

CLERKS REPORT/MINUTES: Cindy Goddard.

Alderperson Spotloe made a motion to approve the minutes of August 11, 2020, second by Alderperson Clark roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Brown.

Everyone has a copy of treasurer's report dated for July. Asked how often they would like a report. The first meeting of every month.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Alderperson Clark: Nothing to report.

Sewer – Alderperson Spotloe: Nothing to report.

Street & Alley – Alderperson Miller: Nothing to report.

Police/ESDA – Alderperson Lafary: Nothing to report.

Water – Mayor Littlefield: The Mayor stated that there are 50 to 60 pits left to get the new waters meters installed in. About 225 residents yet to get done. We are getting the meters in; GM Mechanical is not doing them now unless we get a full schedule. Moving rapidly on this project. This past weekend the Illinois Central Mud Drags were at the Fair Grounds. Thousands

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of gallons of water was used, we really don't know how much. Alderperson Miller stated that on the corner of Patton and Illinois the fire hydrant is bad beyond repair, cannot see the fire hydrant, weeds and trees need pulled, fixed or something. Nathan Collins said he understands the city flushing ahead of them painting so that is good because it makes it easier for them to paint. If a hydrant needs addressed, he needs to know, so they can get to it. The Mayor wants everyone to understand the Fulton County Fair Grounds is not in city limits and is a corporation.

Utilities/Publications – Alderperson Kelley: Nothing to report.

Buildings & Grounds – Alderperson Kelley: States that he has had people compliment how well the land fill looks, thanked Evinn Palmer for cleaning it up.

Tourism – Alderperson Pascal: Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve bids for Central School Road – Two bids presented one from Gunther Construction for \$82,194.50 and Tazewell County Asphalt for \$54,945.20. Mayor Littlefield stated he and others have worked hard on this. This went back out for bid on August. 18. The two bids were presented to the Council the Gunther bid was \$82,194.50 and Tazewell County Asphalt for \$54,945.20. Now we have a bid close to the estimate that Mauer Stutz, George Merkle gave us, now we can use the MFT money. This is a \$31,282.40 savings from the first bid of \$86,227.60. Alderperson Miller made a motion to approve The Tazewell County Asphalt to fix the Central School Road for \$54,945.20, second by Alderperson Spotloe, roll call vote, motion carried all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve opening curb for Niemann Foods gas pumps and relocate power pole – Mayor Littlefield stated he has been working with Niemann Foods for several months, they are not doing well with the store, so putting in gas station may save the store. When purchasing groceries there you get a discount on the gas. They can put in gas station; it is alright with ordinance. To have the entrance coming in from Main Street was not a good idea, they would have to deal with IDOT, so going around corner they will only need to cut curb, this is a City of Lewistown Street. They will call Ameren to move pole. We just need to approve to cut curb to make entrance. Alderperson Miller wanted to know what will happen if other people want to go in and out of it causing a problem. There is enough other entrances, I don't believe this will be a problem Mayor Littlefield said. They are only wanting to put in an island with 2 pumps. Mayor stated we can't afford for the store to close down. Alderperson Clark wanted to know how long he has known this was going to take place. Mayor said they called him a couple of

months ago mentioning it but nothing specific was said on exactly what they were doing. Going to do this as soon as possible. A diagram was furnished. Alderperson Miller felt like someone from Niemann Foods should have been present at meeting. Motion by Alderperson Spotloe to approve opening the curb and moving the pole for Niemann Foods to install gas pump, second by Alderperson Kelley, roll call vote, motion carried all eyes. They will have to get permit from city when ready.

2. Discuss/Approve TIF Redevelopment Agreement with Lewistown Society for Historic Preservation – The Mayor stated that we have given them TIF money previously, President Jeremy Bubb, explained we have old buildings, need to finish installing the windows, and put a roof on it and this will require a little masonry repairs while doing this. This is for the Blacksmith Shop and nothing for the Depot yet, just trying to keep it going. Will need to do repairs on it. Wanting to renew the TIF agreement for \$10,000.00 a year for the next 3 years again to keep these buildings up. This is a very good society and good idea to give them the money. Motion by Alderperson Clark, second by Alderperson Spotloe, to give the Lewistown Society for Historic Preservation \$10,000.00 a year for 3 years for a total of \$30,000.00 roll call vote, motion carried all eyes.
3. Discuss/Approve First Amendment to TIF Redevelopment Agreement for Jason Westerfield/PJ Enterprises of Lewistown – Last meeting this was mentioned. Jason Westerfield needed his name on it so he could continue to pay it off, just need to get it approved by the council. Motion by Alderperson Miller, second by Alderperson Lafary to approve the Amendment to TIF Redevelopment Agreement for Jason Westerfield, roll call vote, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderperson Lafary made a motion to adjourn at 6:56 p.m.; Second by Alderperson Clark motion carried all eyes.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cindy Goddard". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Cindy Goddard, City Clerk