

A SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING OF THE LEWISTOWN CITY COMMISSION ON AUGUST 23, 2021 WHICH WAS HELD AT THE CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNITY CENTER AND STARTED AT 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Turk called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Turk asked everyone to stand and say the Pledge to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present were Commissioners: Doney, Hewitt, Loomis, Oldenburg and Turk. Commissioner Day attended via zoom. Commissioner Dunnington was absent.

SPECIAL AGENDA – Resolutions, Ordinance & Other Action Items:

1. Discussion and action on approving Resolution No. 4062, a resolution relating to adopting a preliminary budget and providing a date for public hearing and adoption thereof for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

City Manager Holly Phelps reviewed some of the changes that were made to different departments. City Manager Phelps did explain that the City has received CARES funding and that is the bulk of the cash remaining from last fiscal year. The City has received ARPA funds and that is accounted for in its own fund and will be used for improvements to water and sewer infrastructure. City Manager Phelps commented that she is very pleased with the cash reserves for the general fund this year, and as you know we have seen the general fund reserves deplete a little each year, so with the Cares funding we have a good reserve for this fiscal year. Finance Officer Nikki Brummond commented that without the Cares funding the ending cash for FY 2021 would have been approximately \$350,000. Finance Officer Brummond stated that she is not comfortable with that amount and now that we have built the reserves back up we need to maintain this amount and figure out ways to either reduce expenses or increase revenue. Commissioner Doney made the motion to approve Resolution No. 4062, a resolution relating to adopting a preliminary budget and providing a date for public hearing and adoption thereof for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 and Commissioner Hewitt seconded the motion. Commissioner Turk asked for comments from the audience and Commission. There being none, the question was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and action on approving Resolution No. 4063 a resolution stating the intention of the City Commission to amend the 2020 – 2021 budget of the City of Lewistown

City Manager Phelps explained this resolution is for we hope the final budget amendment for fiscal year 2021. There were some items we did not anticipate. The audit is scheduled for February 2022. Finance Officer Brummond is asking approval for the Resolution, which will set the date for a public hearing and the Finance Officer will advertise as required by law. Commissioner Oldenburg made the motion to approve Resolution No. 4063 a resolution stating the intention of the City Commission to amend the 2020 – 2021 budget of the City of Lewistown and Commissioner Loomis seconded the motion. Commissioner Turk asked for comments from the audience and Commission. There being none, the question was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS

There were none.

COMMISSIONER'S MINUTE

Commissioner Loomis asked if the adjacent property owners to McKinley Street had to pay for those improvements. City Manager Phelps explained that if a road benefits the whole community and not just those residents it is done as part of the street project. This road was utilized by local traffic and when the hospital changed their emergency room entrance and the State put in a cul de sac on Wendell is put a lot traffic on McKinley. These road improvements were approved by the Commission as part of this year's street improvements project. City Manager Phelps reviewed some of the streets that were paved as part of the street improvement project this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Turk adjourned the meeting.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 2021.

Patty Turk, Commission Chairman

ATTEST:

Nikki Brummond, City Clerk