**LEBANON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**April 22, 2019**

**The council met in regular session in the council chambers with Mayor Wilken presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**Roll Call: Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Gale, Gerdes, Jenkins, Mack, Wright – present.**

 **Alderman Diliberto – absent.**

**Mayor Wilken led the council and assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Aldermen Bartholomew/Gale MOTIONED to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented with corrections.**

**Roll Call: Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Gale, Gerdes, Jenkins, Mack, Wright – 7 yeas.**

 **MOTION carried. 7-0**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets/Alleys – MEET May 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

 **1. Committee recommends allowing Fire Dept to close Monroe from Clover to Parkview Thru July 11 from 4 pm to Sunday July 14th along with the use of Alton, College, Monroe, Center and the 400-600 blocks of W St. Louis St for parade from 5pm to 7 pm on July 12 & 13. Parade starts at 6 pm on both nights.**

 **Roll Call: Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Gale, Gerdes, Jenkins, Mack, Wright – 7 yeas.**

 **RECOMMENDATION carried. 7-0**

**Finance** **– MEET May 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

 **1. Discussion on changing dates for committee meetings to allow the Financial reports (Revenue, Expense and Analysis) to be available to the committee for review before the**

 **Full Council meeting. Aldermen Jenkins/Gale MOTIONED to move the committee meetings**

 **dates opposite Mondays.**

**Roll Call: Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Gale, Gerdes, Jenkins, Mack, Wright – 7 yeas.**

 **MOTION carried. 7-0**

**Ordinance – MEET May 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Water/Sewer – MEET MAY 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

 **1. Alderman Bartholomew/Gerdes MOTIONED to have a Special Meeting on the first workday of May for the swearing in of newly elected officials.**

**Roll Call: Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Gale, Gerdes, Jenkins, Mack, Wright – 7 yeas.**

 **MOTION carried. 7-0**

**Cemetery – MEET May 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Health/Safety – MEET May 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

 **1. Alderman Gale, in Alderman Diliberto absence, report that the State Fire Marshall had emailed**

 **the concern about our previous retail seller of fireworks continuing behavior to advertise their selling market in the City of Lebanon and other nearby communities. City Clerk reported that she had sent a copy of our new ordinance to the Fire Marshall for his use in overseeing this problem. The clerk also received a copy of the email that the State Fire Marshall sent to this business to cease and desist the advertising.**

**Public Property – MEET May 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

 **1. Committee chairman turned over the discussion to Police Chief Roth on the topic of buying new radios for his department. Chief Roth said that Motorola is discontinuing our radios by Oct 2019 and by combining with other departments in St Clair Co a bulk purchase can get a 55% discount . He requested authorization to purchase by May 1, 2019 the following: 1) 12 (APX 900) portable radios @ $1,389 for a total of $16,668.00. 2) 4 “in car radios” @ $1,679.90 for a total of $6719.60. The grand total $23,387.60 to come out of DEA account. Other expenses will come out of DEA acct.**

 **Aldermen Almeter/Gale MOTIONED to approve purchase of new radios for Police Department with funds to come out of the DEA Account.**

**Roll Call: Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Gale, Gerdes, Jenkins, Mack, Wright – 7 yeas.**

 **MOTION carried. 7-0**

 **2. Police Chief Roth brought up the fact that the radios upon removal will be surplus equipment and request that they be donated to the EMLFP. Ordinance will state surplus and donation.**

**Personnel – MEET May 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

1. **Chairman Gale emailed out the contract for the Building Official/Code Enforcement Official and requested any further suggestions be sent to him for the final official contract.**
2. **Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120 Sec 2(c)(1) of the Open Meeting Act for consideration of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Invitation was extended to the Police Chief because he has information to present and to the newly elected aldermen because they will be living with these results on May 1st.**

**Clerk –**

**Treasurer –**

 **1. Treasurer requested the final dollar amount be conveyed to him before the auction. Attorney stated it will be done in** **Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120 Sec 2(c)(5) of the Open Meeting Act where the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body is being considered, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, or where the public body is considering the setting of a price for sale or lease of its property and also under**

 **5 ILCS 120 Sec 2(c)(11) of the Open Meeting Act to discuss or consider the sale or purchase of securities or investment contracts.**

 **The Treasurer requested a consensus of the persons that will be authorized to place a bid at the auction. It was mentioned that the Clerk could attend.**

 **2. The discussion on amending the 2018-2019 Budget resulted in delaying the amending of the budget until the first council meeting in July.**

 **3. Treasurer requested a statement to instruct the accountant to make the changes to the payroll**

 **to reflect increases. Aldermen Mack/Bartholomew MOTIONED The council approves and authorizes the city accountant to make the appropriate changes to the payroll reflecting the council’s approval of employee raises.**

 **Roll Call: Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Gale, Gerdes, Jenkins, Mack, Wright – 7 yeas.**

 **MOTION carried. 7-0**

**Mayor –**

1. **The Mayor discussed the need to set a date for a public hearing on the annexation agreement between Betty Reeves and the City of Lebanon. It was determined that May 13th at 6:45 p.m. It was submitted directly to the paper by the reported so that it will be publish on April 24th.**
2. **Mayor read a letter from Lebanon Matthew Ministries thanking the City Hall for the support and areas lent to them for their collection of clothes. They were able to raise over $1500.00 this year.**

**Dept. Heads –**

**Chief – report under Public property**

**Water – Superintendent reported that Water/Sewer participated in the project on Roger Dr.**

**Streets – Mayor reported that the pipe and the catch basin/grate system is installed. The ditch running east to west through that area needs to be straightened and riprap needs to be installed. The next phase is work on the culvert that runs under McKendree Park. It has been suggested that other designs will cost less money and so they are now being studied.**

**Audience –**

 **1. Susan Meister expressed that the Friends of McAllister Park thanks the City Hall for letting them**

 **sort and store bottle caps. They have been able to collect enough to purchase three benches.**

 **2. Susan Meister brought up topic of the website and the email account. She questioned whether it will stay the same.**

**Unfinished Business –**

 **1. Update on surplus radios was discussed in public property**

 **2. Update of Roger discussed under Mayor. McKendree Dr discussed under Mayor**

 **3. No update on Merrill Dr.**

**New Business –**

 **1. Alderman Gale announced that City Hall will have an interne from McKendree University for next semester. She will not be paid but she will receive 6 hours credit.**

**Mayor place meeting into recess at 8:07 to go into Executive session at 8:15 with the following people to be in attendance : Mayor Wilken, City Clerk Holper, Treasurer Grob, Attorney John Long, Police Chief Roth, Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Gale, Gerdes, Jenkins, Mack, Wright and Aldermen elect Witty and Zurliene.**

**Meeting was reconvened from executive session at 9:01**

**Adjournment – with no further business to be conducted, Aldermen Wright/Gerdes moved to adjourn**

 **the meeting. Hand vote to approve – 7 yeas, 1 absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.**

**Luanne B Holper,**

**City Clerk**