**LEBANON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**June 25, 2018**

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

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

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

**Aldermen Gerdes/Diliberto MOTIONED to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected.**

 **Roll Call: Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Diliberto, Gale, Gerdes, Jenkins, Mack, Wright – yeas MOTION carried 8-0**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Street/Alley**

1. **Committee RECOMMENDED (4-0) to place a 3 way stop sign at Clover and Horner St. It was discussed that more info needs to be obtained. Police Chief offered to place counter apparatus on the street, with possibly having speed being included.**

**Roll Call: Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Diliberto, Gale, Gerdes, Jenkins, Mack, Wright – nos. RECOMMENDATION Failed 8-0**

**Subject sent back to committee to be studied and presented later.**

 **2. Committee RECOMMENDED controlling the speed on south Fritz St by police presence. No other action by the council was required concerning the stripping of the crossing as RP Lumber should decide what options they are willing to afford.**

 **3. Committee RECOMMENDED to place a “No Outlet” sign be placed at the intersection of**

 **Roger Dr and McKendree Park. After some discussion the RECOMMENDATION was amended that the sign should be placed at the intersection of Roger Dr and Merrill Dr.**

**Roll Call: Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Diliberto, Gale, Gerdes, Jenkins, Mack, Wright – yeas. RECOMMENDATION Passed. 8-0**

**Health/Safety – MEET July 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

 **1. Chairman is still trying to work with the Illinois EPA to get one of the “slots” for a hazardous waste pick up this fall.**

 **2. Chairman is working with the clerk on improving the commercial inspection form but also many other forms used by the clerks’ office**

**Ordinance**

1. **Committee will be working on an ordinance to approve the City’s Comprehensive Plan upon completion of updating , as it is to include the TIF and Enterprise Zone updates.**

**Water/Sewer – MEET July 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

 **1. The chairmen asked is there had been a letter of agreement written to the owner of the property a 207/209 W. St. Louis St. stating the conditions as previously approved by council. Superintendent Zimmerman stated that there had not, but one would be written.**

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 **2. Chairman stated that the award of bid would be placed on the July 2, 2018 committee agenda. It will also be placed on the council meeting agendas for July 9th and 23rd so that it can be acted on when appropriate.**

**Cemetery –**

 **1. Chairman brought up a complaint by a citizen concerning the culverts and general “dumping” at the north cemetery lot. Council discussion was that the project utilizing the culverts will begin soon and there is nowhere else available at this time for the other items.**

**Finance – MEET July 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Public Property**

1. **Committee RECOMMENDED to approve the request of the Police Dept to purchase a low-profile light system and siren for the police car on loan from the St. Clair Sheriff Dept. Monies to come out of Police Vehicle Fund maximum of $3,00.00. It was stated by the chief that some of the items will have to remain with the car when it is returned. The car is on loan for 6 months with a possible extension at the end of agreement.**

**Roll Call: Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Diliberto, Gale, Gerdes, Jenkins, Mack,**

 **Wright – yeas. RECOMMENDATION Passed. 8-0**

**Personnel – MEET July 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

 **1. There was a discussion of the FOP and AFSCME contracts in general with the request that an Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2[c](2) be called to answer specific questions.**

 **2. Non-union personnel compensation is still being worked on.**

 **3. Collector pay analysis is still being worked on by Aldermen Diliberto and Gale.**

**Clerk –**

 **1. Presented for approval AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEBANON ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ESTABLISHNG THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES FOR LABORERS, WORKMEN AND MECHANICS EMPLOYED ON PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY AS OF JUNE, 2018. Aldermen Bartholomew/Wright MOTIONED to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance as presented.**

 **Roll Call: Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Diliberto, Gale, Gerdes, Jenkins, Mack, and Wright – Yeas. MOTIONED Passed. 7-1**

 **2. City Clerk reported that there are numerous discrepancies to the real estate exemptions being claimed. The Homestead and Senior Citizen exemptions are the two most abused that we have come across. When a person lives in their home the Homestead exemption can be claimed. If it’s rented out it Can’t be claimed. The Senior Citizen exemption must be changed if the owner is not 65 years or over.**

 **3. City Clerk is still working on the updating of forms.**

 **4. City Clerk reported there is a priority being up on Code enforcement because of the safety factors. There is an ordinance and code concerning the swimming pools in town that we will be focusing on because of this safety factor.**

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**Treasurer –**

 **1. Treasurer presented his report.**

 **2. Checking on interest rates as to combine loans**

 **2. There was a discussion with the audience on whether we can move the Cemetery Trust to other banks. Paul is to do some research and report to the council in the future.**

**Mayor –**

 **1. The mayor presented information to clarify the statements made by Mike Elbe at the last council meeting. The actual property discussed last meeting was the concerning the road between the Elbe’s and the Mexican Restaurant. That property is not the Elbe’s responsibility to improve as they could not get a loan to improve land that is not legally theirs. If the City leases the road for $1.00 in a long-term contract from the land owner than it would be under the city’s jurisdiction for improvements and TIF reimbursements. Mike Elbe has stated that if we commit to putting the road in and the entrance to Dollar General than he would commit to putting in the grocery store. He said he didn’t need the items put in until March. There was much participation from the audience concerning this topic. The result is that the mayor is going to get some figures for approximately**

 **327 feet of road with the existing base to bring back to the council.**

**Dept. Heads**

1. **Chief Roth – no report**
2. **Superintendent McNeese – no report**
3. **Superintendent Pinkstaff – no report**

**Audience –**

 **1. An audience member brought up the concern of the writing of checks by the city. He said the city needs to review the internal controls. Also, the appearance of the budget not being followed was also of concern. There was a lengthy discussion by the council and audience. It a healthy discussion from both sides**

**Unfinished Business – nothing**

**New Business –**

 **1. Jessica Zurliene brought the topic of repair to the duplexes out at the Knolls since they are independently owned.**

 **2. City Clerk brought a new request from the Girls Scouts to “caulk the walks”. The council discussed it and it was deemed in general conversation that this didn’t required a vote.**

 **3. Alderman Wright brought up a topic concerning a day care center out on 18 Harmon Dr. The owner states that the State of Illinois DCFS doesn’t require a fence. It was stated by the clerk that the city adopted codes does state a fence is needed.**

 **4. Alderman Diliberto questioned the abandon, derelict, inoperable car policy for clarification.**

 **5. The discussion of “back pay” took place and that there needs to be a procedure that verbal instructions are not the normal way to communicated decisions that are made. There was a heated discussion between council and some audience members as to what, when and how this mistake occurred. With no productive advancement of this issue it was deemed the discussion was closed.**

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**At 9:27 p.m. Aldermen Almeter/Gale MOTIONED to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 12 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 and Sec 2(c)(2) to discuss collective bargaining issues. Regular session shall reconvene at 10:00 p.m.**

 **Roll Call: Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Diliberto, Gale, Gerdes, Jenkins, Mack,**

 **Wright – yeas. MOTION Passed. 8-0**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Regular meeting reconvened at 10:00 p.m.**

**Aldermen Wright/Gale MOTIONED to approve FOP Contract for May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2021.**

 **Roll Call: Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Diliberto, Gale, Gerdes, Jenkins, Mack,**

 **Wright – yeas. MOTION Passed. 8-0**

**Aldermen Bartholomew/Gerdes MOTIONED to approve AFSCME Contract for May 1, 2017**

 **through April 30, 2020**

 **Roll Call: Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Diliberto, Gale, Gerdes, Jenkins, Mack,**

 **Wright – Noes. MOTION Failed. 0-8**

**With no further business to be conducted, Aldermen Wright/Bartholomew moved to adjourn the meeting. Hand vote to approve – 8 yeas. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.**

**Luanne B Holper,**

**City Clerk**