

**LEBANON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

The council met in regular session in the council chambers with Mayor Wilken presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:08:20 p.m.

City Clerk Holper administered the oath of office to Jennifer Johnson as the replacement for the appointed position for Ward 4 Alderman.

Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Witty, Wright and Zurliene – present

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

Aldermen Jenkin/Fero MOTIONED to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Witty, Wright and Zurliene – 8 yeas.
MOTION carried. 8-0

Aldermen Jenkins/Gale MOTIONED to approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Approval of minutes of February 24, 2020 meeting
2. Approval of the bills

Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Witty, Wright and Zurliene – 8 yeas.
MOTION carried. 8-0

The Mayor at this time moved for discussion the topic of altering the fee schedule which the clerk and administration has had as a project. He expressed our concerns and others that they need to be altered. At this time, he introduced Donald Deedrich who is a representative of the Illinois Realtors to share their concerns with the fee schedule. The result of the discussion was that this be deferred to committee for a recommendation to be presented to the council in the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets/Alleys – MEET March 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Alderman Mack questioned as to why the Christ request to vacate part of the Southern Drive and Reese Drive did not come through committee. The request to have item on agenda was initiated at the Feb 10th Council meeting by Alderman Zurliene as the CBA would like to proceed as soon as possible and it didn't make the February 2 Committee Meeting. Alderman Fero/Witty MOTION to refer to the attorney to prepare the ordinance, including a city easement for water/sewer lines and an agreement with Kinstrat in having a continuing easement. Superintendent Zimmerman brought up that there are water and sewer lines in area and there should be a permanent easement description. Attorney Long said that there should be a section in the ordinance allowing the city's maintenance of those lines, an agreement with Kinstrat and an easement for land locked Kinstrat to register with St Clair County.

Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Witty, Wright and Zurliene – 8 yeas.
MOTION carried. 8-0

2. Presented for approval the Chamber of Commerce schedule for 2020 Annual Street Closings. Alderman Zurliene/Mack MOTIONED to approve the Chambers schedule for 2020.

Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Witty, Wright and Zurliene – 8 yeas.
MOTION carried. 8-0

Finance – MEET March 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Ordinance – MEET March 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Water/Sewer – MEET March 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Cemetery – MEET March 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Parking on the College Hill Cemetery by McKendree University visitors was discussed. It was determined that this will be perused so that it will not happen again.

Health/Safety – MEET March 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Property – MEET March 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Personnel – MEET March 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

1. There will be a meeting on February 27th for employees to gain information and discuss a health care plan that could be offered in the future.

Clerk

Treasurer –

Mayor –

1. The Mayor wanted to assure the citizens that any news release stating that harmful chemicals involved in the watershed from Scott Air Force Base is not affecting the water supply or our properties because it is all downstream.
2. The Mayor also reported he has a meeting with IDOT concerning the flooding of Highway 50. He has been in contact with our State Senator and Representative. He has a commitment with a representative from Bost's office in O'Fallon to go to the meeting with IDOT to discuss what needs to be done to Hwy 50. Scott Air Force Base has also been contacted and supports our efforts as it is also their safety concern.

Dept. Heads

Chief – Chief Roth informed the council that he is coordinating an effort with the fire department to purchase an identification machine. It would be available to police, city and the fire department personnel. Monies would come from the federal forfeiture fund.

Streets/Alleys – Ameren gave permission for their tree trimmers to remove some of our problem trees at no cost to the city. The trees had to be in or near the power lines.

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Water/Sewer – Waste treatment plant continues to move towards completion with end of March looking like to start up time frame, but they still need to refurbish tanks and complete all phases.

Building/Code – Clearwave will come back to grade, seed and straw where they have run the fiber optics if anyone has complaints This will be done when the ground is in the best shape to complete. Alderman Fero asked if Clearwave contacted the residences with information of the boring. It was assumed they had not because they are not required.

Accountant – no report

Audience –

Unfinished Business –

1. Aldermen Mack/Gale Motioned to approve a RESOLUTION MAKING SEPARATE STATEMENT OF FINDINGS OF FACTS IN CONNECTION WITH ORDINANCE GRANTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A FIBER OPTICS SUBSTATION FACILITY
Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Witty, Wright and Zurliene – 8 yeas.
MOTION carried. 8-0

2. Aldermen Jenkins/Fero MOTIONED to approve AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO LEBANON MASONIC LODGE #110 A.F. AND A.M. TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A FIBER OPTICS SUBSTATION FACILITY
Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Witty, Wright and Zurliene – 8 yeas.
MOTION carried. 8-0

3. Census is still looking to hire people

4. City was sent confirmation that our grant for the brick street repair has been received

New Business –

Adjournment – with no further business to be conducted, Aldermen Wright/Fero moved to adjourn the meeting. Hand vote to approve – 8 yeas. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Luanne B Holper,
City Clerk