

LEBANON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 27, 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 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Witty and Wright – 6 yeas.

MOTION carried. 6-0

Alderman Gale Entered at 7:52

Aldermen Fero/Witty MOTIONED to approve the consent agenda minus #1 and #3 per the clerk (#1) and Alderman (#3)

2. Approval of the bills

4. Approve AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF SOUTHERN DRIVE AND ALL OF REECE DRIVE

Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Witty AND Wright – 7 yeas.

MOTION carried. 7-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets/Alleys – MEET May 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance – MEET May 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

1.

Ordinance – MEET May 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Water/Sewer – MEET May 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Cemetery – MEET May 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Health/Safety – MEET May 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Property – MEET May 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

1. The Committee recommended to develop a course of action for sidewalk repair and tree removal. That the Administration pick the “hot spot” trees and sidewalks, provide a list with estimates of the costs per job and the council voting on the list, using monies budgeted and more money coming from Utility Tax when needed.

Personnel – MEET May 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

1. The Committee recommended a 3% increase for city employees effective May 1 to April 30, 2021, along with an extension of one year to the current bargaining agreement. The 3% includes supervisor personnel and part time help.

Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Witty and Wright – 7 yeas.

MOTION carried. 7-0.

Clerk –

Treasurer –

Mayor –

1. The Declaration of Emergency will stay in place until the governor releases his executive order.

Dept. Heads

Chief –

Streets/Alleys –

Water/Sewer – Plant startup is progressing, adding water to new tanks this week

Building/Code –

Accountant – The accountant requested permission to arrange for prepaid credit cards to pay for the purchasing of the Zoom Meeting subscription. She also asked that someone convey to her which plan and how much.

Audience –

1. Chris Detore as a “Chat member” asked what’s the roads/street process for determining what needs to be repaired. The mayor said that the street department is on the roads everyday evaluating what projects are needed. If there is an area of concern you can call city hall and that information will be passed along.
2. Roberto Roma asked if there was a way that the citizens could give their opinions before items are voted on. Alderman Fero tries to read all the chat items while the meeting is going on. He will try to get the “raised hand” function. At “regular meetings” before ZOOM the audience only had to raise their hand to speak. We shall be trying to accomplish during our Zoom meetings.
3. Chris asked is there a number to text photos when there are problems that need to be reported.

Unfinished Business –

1. Phase two of McKendree Park has been budgeted for FY 2020-2021 and then phase three will progress when it is able to be budgeted.
2. Alderman Wright gave an update to the census that we are at are at 55% of our residents responding to the census . The Census goal is to be at 60% by the end of May with our final to be at 75% or more.
3. No update on the letter to McKendree for the parking problem on the cemetery property.
4. Alderman Fero/Witty MOTIONED to approve the recommendation to install the protection barrier for the City Hal counter, not to exceed \$5000.00

Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack and Witty – 6 yeas.

Alderman Wright – No MOTION carried. 6-1

5. Alderman Wright questioned the expenditure of funds on the street area in between the new Don's IGA and Mexico Tipico. The council had agreed to upgrade the area as part of the TIF District upgrading to acquire the grocery store. The property has been bought and the new owner is willing to enter into an agreement.

New Business –

Aldermen Gale/Jenkins MOTIONED to go into executive session per

- Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120 Sec 2(c)(2) of the Open Meeting Act for deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of municipal employees and/or 5 ILCS 120 Sec 2(c)(5) the 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.
- Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120 Sec 2(c)(11) of the Open Meeting Act for consideration of litigation when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular body has been filed and is pending in a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for such a finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Witty and Wright – 7 yeas.

MOTION carried. 7-0.

Alderman Wright wanted to know if Alderman Zurliene was allowed to enter and vote in the Executive Session since she was not registered on a roll call. The lawyer said it was quite appropriate for her to participate in all aspects of the meeting.

Left Open session meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Entered into executive session at 8:00 p.m.

Returned to open session at 9:00 p.m.

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

MOTION carried. 8-0.

Aldermen Witty/Jenkins MOTIONED to pay AZAVR \$30,000.00 per their April 4, 2020 letter and close out our account and pay out by May 15, 2020.

Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Witty and Wright – 7 yeas.

Alderman Zurliene was called away from meeting MOTION carried. 7-0.

Adjournment – with no further business to be conducted, Aldermen Wright/Fero MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting

Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Witty and Wright – 7 yeas.

MOTION carried. 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.