

LEBANON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 26, 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, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Wright and Zurliene – present
Aldermen Mack and Witty – absent**

Aldermen Fero/Jenkins MOTIONED to approve the May 11, 2020 minutes

**Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Wright and Zurliene – yeas.
MOTION passed 6-0**

Aldermen Fero/Jenkins MOTIONED to approve the bills

**Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Wright and Zurliene – yeas.
MOTION passed 6-0**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets/Alleys – MEET June 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance – MEET June 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Chairman recommended to approve the acquisition of an on-line bill pay system with the company to be determined later. The council did not want to proceed with this decision until they were presented with all costs concerns. The council will be presented with a comparison at a later meeting.

Ordinance – MEET June 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Water/Sewer – MEET June 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Superintendent Zimmerman contacted the chairman with an emergency request for the purchase of an 8” valve which two more signatures were obtained.

1. Superintendent Zimmerman requested approval of a change order to the waste water treatment plant for a bathroom that was on the original design but was left off the final plans by mistake at a cost of \$7,000.00 plus the cost of the electrical. Motion by was made by Aldermen Fero/Wright to approve the change order for an additional restroom to the wastewater treatment plant at the cost of \$7000.00 plus electrical costs to be determined.

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

MOTION passed 6-0

Cemetery – MEET June 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Chairman ask the Street Dept. to implement a more consist schedule for the mowing of the upper cemetery lot. Superintendent McNeese said it grew ling because of all the rain and his department being short staffed because of COVID-19’

Health/Safety – MEET June 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Update on the COVID numbers were given as follows:

County:	Cases 1117	Tested 6330	Deaths 83
City:	Cases 27	Tested 149	Deaths 0
LCC:	Cases 52 (res. & employees)		Deaths 10

Public Property – MEET June 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Personnel – MEET June 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Meeting on May 18th and will go into executive session for clerk/collector pay discussion

Clerk –

1. The City Hall is re-establishing hours on June 1, 2020 and will include foot traffic. There will be the 6 feet social distancing requirement, that masks are required and hand sanitizer be used. This information will be on the bills

Treasurer –

Mayor – The Mayor reported our funds in the Municipality Utility Tax, the Tax Non-Home Rule Tax and the MFT are showing we are about \$65,600 higher than at the same time last year.

Alderman Witty entered the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Dept. Heads –

Chief –

Streets –

Water – Superintendent Zimmerman wanted guidance on when it will be appropriate to reinstate the penalties on the water/sewer bills. The consensus was maybe another bill cycle so that citizens would be back to work a little longer and in June.

Building/ Code Official –

Accountant – Michele Davis requested a statement for the re-establishing date to figure different time earned categories and other information concerning payroll

1. Aldermen Fero/Jenkins MOTIONED that on June 1, 2020 that all city operations open within the state and city guidelines.

Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Witty, Wright and Zurliene – yeas.
MOTION passed 7-0

Unfinished Business –

1. Phase two concerning the flooding and culvert problem on McKendree Park is projected to start in June sometime. Phase three of Merrill and McKendree Park will come next.
2. No numbers to report and everything is progressing.
3. No Update on the letter to McKendree concerning no parking on cemetery property near the north property lines.
4. Council went into Executive session at end of meeting to discuss clerk/collector pay schedule.
5. Aldermen Fero/Witty MOTIONED to approval the resolution titled APPROVING CONTRACT FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR THE PURCHASE, FROM JOHN L. HAMRICK, OF A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 108 W. ST. LOUIS STREET
Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Witty, Wright and Zurliene – yeas.
MOTION passed 7-0
6. Alderman Fero conveyed that someone needs to become the Zoom host with Alderman Fero as the second host, as Katie Storie is unable to change her employment schedule to accommodate running all the zoom meetings.

Audience –

New Business –

First plan,

Alderman Wright presented a plan to close the first two blocks of W. St Louis St. to allow the restaurants to serve food/drink on the street area the days of June 12, 13 and 19, 20. The closure will start at 3:00 p.m. for setting up. With service of food/ beverages commencing at 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Ending will be at 10:00 p.m.

Second plan,

The mayor presented a plan to extend this concept for every day. It would start with making West St Louis one lane of traffic going west from the Stoplight to the Police station. This will give an additional 12 feet of “street space” directly in front of each business for seating, serving, pickup and/or delivery.

Third option,

Combine #1 and #3 This will allow each business to use it 24/7 during the weekdays and then a larger area for each business for Friday and Saturday night.

Aldermen Fero/Wright MOTIONED to close the first two blocks of W. St Louis St. to allow the restaurants to serve food/drink on the street area from 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on the following days if June 12, 13 and 19, 20 of 2020. With service of food/ beverages commencing at 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Witty, Wright and Zurliene – yeas.
MOTION passed 7-0

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The Mayor called to recess the open meeting at 8:50 p.m. and announced that the executive session will start after a 5 minute break.

Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Witty, Wright and Zurliene – yeas
MOTION passed 7-0

The Mayor, John Long, Michele Davis and the seven aldermen entered executive session at 8:55 p.m.

The Open meeting was called to order by roll call at 9:28 p.m.

Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Witty, Wright and Zurliene – yeas.
MOTION passed 7-0

Adjournment – with no further business to be conducted, Aldermen Gale/Fero moved to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Jenkins, Johnson, Witty and Wright – yeas.
MOTION passed 7-0 Meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Luanne B Holper
City Clerk