

**LEBANON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 12, 2020**

The council met in regular session by electronic means through Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Wilkens.

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

There is a vacancy of the alderman position in Ward III due to their resignation.

Aldermen Fero/Witty Motioned to approve the September 28, 2020 minutes as presented with a correction.

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

MOTIONED passed 7-0

Aldermen Gale/Jenkins Motioned to approve September 28, 2020 Executive Session minutes as presented

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

MOTIONED passed 7-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. The request for the closing of W. St. Louis St. to accommodate a BBQ completion on November 1, 2020 was declined until additional information is received by council.

Finance – MEET October 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Aldermen Gale/Fero Motioned to approve a proposal of having an ordinance for the operation of golf carts on the city street to be written by the city attorney with stipulations concerning permit costs and other regulatory items.

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

MOTIONED passed 7-0

2. Aldermen Fero/Jenkins Motioned to approve AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THAT THE ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS FOR CERTIAN TYPES OF AUTHORIZED OBLIGATIONS IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITIZENS, TAXPAYERS, AND GOVERNMENTAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, AND DECIDING TO ALLOW THE ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS OF THOSE AUTHORIZED OBLIGATIONS BY MEANS OF AN ONLINE PAYMENT PLATFORM OR THROUGH THE USE OF A CREDIT CARD PROCESSING MACHINE IN LEBANON CITY HALL.

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

MOTIONED passed 7-0

Water/Sewer – MEET October 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

1. The procedure of issuing the “Red Tags” and the fees was discussed because of a received email questioning the cost. This occurs when a bill has not been paid from water usage from 2 months earlier. The process was not amended.

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

1. Aldermen Jenkins/Fero Motioned to approve the removal of four trees from the cemetery by utilizing \$1,647.00 from the monies which have been donated to the cemetery and \$553.00 from the Utility Tax.

Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Witty, and Wright – Yeas
MOTIONED passed 7-0

Health/Safety – MEET October 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

1. COVID-19 numbers are: 62254: Tested 2789
62254: Cases: 281 Deaths: 0
LCC: Cases: 77 Deaths: 12
Cedar Ridge: Cases: 80 Deaths: 16
Cedars Housing: Cases: 2 Deaths: 0
McKendree: Cases: 83 Deaths: 0

We are remaining consistent from last report. We have lowered on increase rate.

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

Personnel – MEET October 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

1. There was a discussion about the proper procedure of having a Mayor Pro Tem during the time a mayor is out of town. It was decided that the mayor technically decides when he will need to request coverage.

Treasurer –

1. In absence of the treasurer, the mayor reported the audit showed the revenues over the expenditures had risen to \$145,000.00, along with a significant pay down of the city debt. The city has worked hard to show a stronger fiscal report over previous years.

Mayor –

1. The mayor explained the process mandated by the state for the filling of vacancies on the council. He ask that aldermen reach out to their citizens for anyone interested in finishing the position in Ward III which runs until May 1, 2021. The election in April 2021 will have 2 positions open for that ward. One will be a 2 year term to finish out this vacancy and one will be a 4 year term. Anyone running for that Ward will have to announce which position they will be running for when they turn in their petition the week of Dec. 14th through Dec. 21st.

Dept. Heads –

Chief – Thank You to Teddy Sells, his son Garrett, Chris DeTore and Mr. Jenkins for repairing the stairs at the Police Station.

Streets/Alleys – Trees have been worked on in the 300 block of West St Louis St, the stumps will be grounded down and sidewalks will be completed. Also, trees are being worked on in other parts of town

Water/Sewer – The superintendent had two requests for change of order at the waste water treatment plant being constructed which were:

- 1. Aldermen Fero/Witty Motioned to approve the change order for the installation of a fire hydrant outside the filter building at the waste water treatment plant at a cost not to exceed \$7,318.95.**

**Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Witty, and Wright – Yeas
MOTIONED passed 7-0**

- 2. Aldermen Fero/Wright Motioned to approve the raising of the check valve vault and the leveling of the ground on the south side of the plant at a cost of \$10,401.25.**

**Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Witty, and Wright – Yeas
MOTIONED passed 7-0**

Building/Code Enforcement – no report

Accountant – The accountant reported:

- 1. Per contractual agreement the 20K life insurance needs to be increased to 25K.**
- 2. City Hall is working on upgrading the security protection on our computers in anticipation of having the credit card payment system installed.**

Audience –

Unfinished Business –

- 1. No update on the Phase 2 (McKendree Park) project.**
- 2. Tree removal, stump grinding and sidewalk repair is in progress.**
- 3. IDOT will be contacted about the moving of the city limit signs on East Hwy 50 and removing the golf course sign on West Hwy 50.**

New Business –

- 1. Discussion was presented concerning the inclusion of certain agenda items on a repeating basis and was deemed appropriate, although it was not necessary to have on the agenda to be able to enter executive session. The BJZ water/sewer conflict and the pursuit road the agreement will be added until further notice.**

Adjournment –

With no further business to be conducted, Aldermen Wright/Gale moved to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

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

MOTION passed 7-0

Luanne Holper, City Clerk