

LEBANON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

The council met in regular session at city hall. The meeting was called to order after the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Wright.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Duckworth, Fero, Mack, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – present

Following the Pledge of Allegiance Alderperson Fero/Duckworth Motioned to approve the omnibus agenda as presented containing the agenda, approval of the bills and approval of the Council Minutes of December 12, 2022 And Executive Session Minutes from December 12, 2022.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Duckworth, Fero, Mack, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – yeas

MOTION passed 7 – 0

- Audience 1. Sharon Geil requested an update of the IDot project at the 4-way stop intersection of 4/50. She also inquired as to the "Gateway to the City" in the same area in relationship to the garden club. Consensus was that the projects needed to be completed before any landscaping or designation areas could be applied.
2. School Board member Yasaine Garrett reported the following:
- Dec 2nd was the Homecoming Parade with the dance occurring on Dec 3rd.
 - The eight hour of the school day has been established as a resource hour for students K-12 that have been identified as needing help in math and English.
 - Graduation will be Saturday May 20th for High School and Monday May 22nd for Jr. High School.
 - School will release students early on each Wednesday at 1:45 so that the teaching staff can meet for evaluating test scores and procedures to advance the students, along with realigning of the curriculum.
 - There are three seats open at the April elections and there are a total of 7 candidates.

Alderperson -- no report

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT: The clerk reported Plan Commission recommended approval of the SUP for 619 W. Schuetz St. to operate a Short-term rental. The SUP was requested by Legacy Home Design, Inc. of 1136 Pisa Dr. Caseyville, IL. The commission did not recommend rezoning of the property.

The following restrictions were part of the recommendation:

- Parking is to be limited to the driveway and must contain 2 spaces.
 - Adhere to all applicable building codes.
 - No signage or advertising at the address, including on any of the city easements.
 - Applies only to Legacy Home Design, Inc while owned by Douglas and Elizabeth Reising.
1. Alderperson Fero/Witty Motioned to approve the Plan Commissions recommendation.
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Duckworth, Fero, Mack, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – yeas
MOTION passed 7 – 0.
2. Alderperson Fero/Duckworth Motioned to approve the *RESOLUTION MAKING SEPARATE STATEMENT OF FINDINGS OF FACT IN CONNECTION WITH ORDINANCE GRANTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO LEGACY HOME DESIGN FOR THE OPERATION OF A SHORT-TERM RENTAL AT 619 W SCHUTEZ*
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Duckworth, Fero, Mack, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – yeas
MOTION passed 7 – 0.
3. Alderperson Fero/Duckworth Motioned to approve the *ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO LEGACY HOME DESIGN FOR THE OPERATION OF A SHORT-TERM RENTAL AT 619 W SCHUTEZ*
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Duckworth, Fero, Mack, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – yeas
MOTION passed 7 – 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets/Alleys – MEET February 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Finance – MEET January 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Ordinance – MEET February 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer – MEET January 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

1. Committee recommended repairs on the Aerzen blowers at WWTP for \$10,129.87.
Monies to be taken from Sewer - Capital Outlay.
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Duckworth, Fero, Mack, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – yeas
MOTION passed 7 – 0
2. Committee recommended purchase of spare parts for the Aerzen blowers at WWTP for \$4,214.85. Price does not include shipping. Monies to be taken from Sewer Capital Outlay.
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Duckworth, Fero, Mack, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – yeas
MOTION passed 7 – 0

Cemetery – MEET February 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

1. Superintendent Terry reported that when the ground and soil materials dry out the general maintenance to sunken grave site will begin.

Health/Safety – MEET January 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Public Property – MEET February 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

1. Alderperson Fero/Witty Motioned to move forward with the removal of 2 trees located at 313 W St Louis St. using Roots Tree Service at a cost of \$3120.00.
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Duckworth, Fero, Mack, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – yeas
MOTION passed 7 – 0
2. Committee Recommended the purchasing of a fireproof file cabinet for \$1816.65.
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Duckworth, Fero, Mack, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – yeas
MOTION passed 7 – 0
3. Committee Recommended purchasing a utility trailer for the transportation of the new Bobcat equipment. Monies to come out of Street Department - Capital Outlay
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Duckworth, Fero, Mack, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – yeas
MOTION passed 7 – 0
4. Alderperson Bennett/Fero Motioned for approval of the *RESOLUTION WAIVING CUSTOMARY BIDDING PROCEDURES AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A TRAILER FROM CAMPER EXCHANGE, INC.*
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Duckworth, Fero, Mack, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – yeas
MOTION passed 7 – 0

Personnel – MEET January 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

1. Alderperson Wilkins/Fero Motined to approve the *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LEBANON TO ENTER A FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH LLP*
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Duckworth, Fero, Mack, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – yeas
MOTION passed 7 – 0

Clerk –

Treasurer -

Mayor –

1. The mayor announced that the City has been awarded a TAP grant that will provide a 5' wide sidewalk from the corner of W Schuetz St to the True Value Dr. The grant is 500K supplied from government and 168K from city. The Cedars of Lebanon's support letter helped tremendously in obtaining this grant.
2. Waste Management has proposed that they establish a Facebook Page so the public may report in the future problems and/or complaints. The mayor, our attorney and Waste Management are working on an amendment to the original contract concerning the yard waste service.
3. Mayor requested that citizens email with details all tree problems to adminasst@lebanonil.org.
4. The mayor presented for approval the name of Reid Lily as Ward 3 Alderperson to replace a vacancy created by the resignation of Stephanie McPeek. Alderperson Fero/Duckworth Motioned to approve the appointment of Reid Lilly as Ward III alderperson until April 5th pending the results of the April 4, 2023 election.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Duckworth, Fero, Mack, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – yeas
MOTION passed 7 – 0

The clerk swore in Reid Lilly as alderperson of Ward III.

Dept. Heads

Chief – Acknowledged praised for our police department in a very volatile situation occurring in our town. The situation was defused with no injuries.

Streets/Alleys –

Water/Sewer –

Accountant – Updated positions of other grants. ITAP grant for a "shared use" 10' sidewalk from W Schuetz St down to True Value Dr might be awarded to the city. If it is the city will forfeit the TAP grant to another city. This grant is for 729K from the government and 172K from the city.

Unfinished Business –

1. Committee recommended approval of the 2023 Meeting Schedule as presented.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Duckworth, Fero, Lily, Mack, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – yeas
MOTION passed 8. – 0

New Business –

Adjournment – With no further business to be conducted, Aldermen Fero/Witty Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. by voice vote.

MOTION passed by voice. All were in favor.

Luanne Holper
City Clerk