

## LEBANON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance Alderperson Fero/Bennett Motioned to approve the omnibus agenda of the agenda, approval of the bills and minutes from March 27 2023 Council and Executive Session.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Fero, Lilly, Mack, Washington and Witty – yeas  
MOTION passed 6 – 0

### Audience –

1. There was no one present for the Chambers uptown concern discussion because they are trying to come up with a solution on their own.
2. Lindsey Sternau from 514 N Hunter St. approached the council for a solution to the feral cat problem in her neighborhood. Her husband is allergic to cats. The resident at 510 is feeding approximately 12-15 cats including 2 pregnant cats. There are complaints about the cats leaving fecal material and urine in the neighborhood, cats attacking dogs, constant loud cat fights in the area, and climbing on possessions of homeowners. Alderperson Fero said that our ordinance does state if you feed strays then you become responsible for their care and health issues, such as vaccinations. The discussion ended with some commitment to find a solution to this problem.
3. Yasanne Garrett reported on the activities taking place at our school system.

### Alderperson –

1. Alderperson Fero injected the topic of trying to revamp the committee structure of the city. Maybe combine some of the established committees and then establish some new ones, such as Development. This will be put on a future ordinance committee.

PLAN COMMISSION: No report for lack of quorum

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Streets/Alleys – MEET April 3, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

1. Committee recommended using 11,800 dollars from Utility Tax to install a culvert at intersection of Merrill Dr and Roger Dr to eliminate flooding.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Fero, Lilly, Mack, Washington and Witty – yeas  
RECOMMENDATION passed 6 – 0

#### Finance – MEET March 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

1. Committee recommended the approval of staying with United Health Care for the Fiscal Year 24.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Fero, Lilly, Mack, Washington and Witty – yeas  
RECOMMENDATION passed 6 – 0

**Ordinance** – MEET April 3, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

1. Alderperson Fero/Lilly Motioned to approve the Ordinance *AMENDING THE CITY OF LEBANON MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING CHAPTER 5 – FEE SCHEDULE, AND CREATING SECTION 8-4. – RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT REQUIRED*  
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Fero, Lilly, Mack, Washington and Witty – yeas  
MOTION passed 6 – 0
2. Alderperson Fero/Witty Motioned to approve an *ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LEBANON PURCHASING POLICY*  
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Fero, Lilly, Mack, Washington and Witty – yeas  
MOTION passed 6 – 0
3. Alderperson Fero/Bennett Motioned to approve the *ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LEBANON CODE REGARDING REGISTRATION, PERMITTING, TAXATION, LICENSING, INSPECTION, AND ZONING CHANGES FOR “HOTELS”, “BED AND BREAKFASTS”, AND “SHORT TERM RENTALS”*. During the questioning phase there were many participants in the discussion. There is more work to be done before it is ready to implement. All tax (5%) monies collected will be collected and held in a separate fund. Those monies will be directed to generate tourism and commerce.  
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Fero, Lilly, Mack, Washington and Witty – yeas  
MOTION passed 6 – 0

**Water/Sewer** – MEET March 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

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

1. Alderperson Washington questioned the pile of tree debris at the park. Superintendent Cody Terry reported that the debris was from someone hitting a tree and are in the process of cleaning up and removing it.

**Health/Safety** – MEET March 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

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

**Personnel** – MEET March 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

**Clerk** –

**Treasurer** –

1. Alderperson Fero/Lilly Motioned to approve the Ordinance *AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FINANCIAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2023, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2024, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURES THEREIN CONTAINED*  
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Fero, Lilly, Mack, Washington and Witty – yeas  
MOTION passed 6 – 0

**Mayor** –

1. Mayor Wright presented for approval the moving of A J Dontigney from the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Plan Commission. Alderperson Fero/Mack Motioned to approve the appointment of A J Dontigney to the Plan Commission.  
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Fero, Lilly, Mack, Washington and Witty – yeas  
MOTION passed 6 – 0

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2. Mayor Wright presented for approval appointment of Michael Tigo to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Since Mr Tigo wasn't in attendance it was tabled until he could present an autobiography and himself to the council or committee.

**Dept. Heads**

- Chief –
1. Chief Roth reported that the parking lot has been surfaced. The stairs should be installed around Friday and the stripping should be done in the next few weeks.
  2. The Lexipro transition will be starting April 17th and should take place over the next 3-6 months
  3. The next recruit will hopefully be ready to start on the 19th of April.

**Streets/Alleys –**

1. Cody Terry reported that with help of Sergeant Tutterow and applying the Illinois State Statues it will allow 5-6 more parking spaces in the 300 block of W. St. Louis and the 100 block of N. Monroe.
2. Terry reported that there will be a mock accident situation at the high school on Friday 14th between 1:30 and 2:00 to bring attention to "drinking and driving" as Prom season is coming up.
3. Terry reported that the Merrill /Roger Dr project will be starting as soon as there is a break in the contractors schedule.

Accountant – no report

**Unfinished Business –**

**New Business –**

**Adjournment** – With no further business to be conducted, Aldermen Fero/Lilly Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. by voice vote.

MOTION passed by voice. All were in favor.