

LEBANON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 14, 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 Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington and Witty – present

Following the Pledge of Allegiance Alderperson Fero/Witty Motioned to approve the omnibus agenda, which included the agenda, approval of the bills and minutes from July 24, 2023 council meeting and the July 24, 2023 Executive Session minutes.

Roll Call: Alderperson Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington and Witty – yeas

MOTION passed 6-0

City Clerk Holper administered the oath of police officer to the city's newest officer Andrew Lampe

Audience –

1. Chris Koenig spoke to the council concerning the occupancy requirements for running a business out of a shed located on McCleary property. The occupancy permit for a commercial building has the requirement for an inspection when property is sold, or a different business occupies said property. The inspection for a commercial building requires water, sewer and electricity to be in working order. Mr. Koenig was heard to use profane language and the city attorney asked Mr Koenig to be removed by the Chief of Police. Mr. Koenig left on his own accord.

Alderperson –

1. Alderperson Trinka questioned what will happen with the headstones damaged by the falling of a tree in the cemetery.

PLAN COMMISSION:

The report from the Plan Commission meeting of August 3, 2023 was presented by A J Dontigney.

1. Recommendation to approve the COA submitted by for the change of the exterior color to white with black trim on. There was also approval of the changing of the signage because it fell within the requirements. Alderperson Fero/Witty Motioned to approve the PC recommendation on issuing the COA mentioned above.

Roll Call: Alderperson Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington and Witty – yeas

MOTION passed 6-0

2. Plan Commission recommended denial of the "door" signs for Momma's House as they fell outside of the allotted coverage as they are 100% coverage. The PC tried to work with Momma's House to see if they could come up with a solution to get them within coverage compliance. Momma's House didn't attend and told the PC representative (AJ Dontigney) that "An ordinance does not have the weight of a law and that he did not have to follow that ordinance. The PC voted unanimously to recommend the denial of the signage on the doors. Along with the denial they turned over the enforcement to the City Council, as they do not have that authority. Alderperson Fero/Witty Motioned to approve the recommendation of the PC to deny the COA for the doors at Momma's House because of coverage violation.

Roll Call: Alderperson Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington and Witty – yeas

MOTION passed 6-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets/Alleys – MEET September 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Committee recommended the approval of the MFT and Rebuild resolution. Present for approval the *MFT AND REBUILD RESOLUTION*.

Roll Call: Alderperson Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington and Witty – yeas

MOTION passed 6-0

2. Committee recommended to approve the Brick Street Merchants request to close St Louis St for Witches Night Out on Sunday Oct 29th from 3:00-10:00 p.m. They have requested that both parking lots be closed to accommodate food and activities. The event will start at 5 and end at 9 p.m.

Roll Call: Alderperson Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington and Witty – yeas

MOTION passed 6-0

Finance – MEET August 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Ordinance – MEET September 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Alderperson Fero/Davis Motion to approve the ordinance *AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1495, AND RECLAIMING A CONDITIONAL EASEMENT FROM THE FRIENDS OF MCALLISTER PARK FOR A PORTION OF AN ALLEY IN BLOCK FIFTEEN OF THE LEBANON DEPOT ADDITION BETWEEN PRAIRIE STREET AND RHODEN STREET, AND WEST OF MCALLISTER / JOHNSON PARK.*

Roll Call: Alderperson Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington and Witty – yeas

MOTION passed 6-0

Water/Sewer – MEET August 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Cemetery – MEET September 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

1. There was a discussion on the responsibility of graves and markers. The city clerk will research this topic.

Health/Safety – MEET August 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Public Property – MEET September 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

1. The Committee recommended to reimburse the General Fund for TIF expenditures in the amount of \$66,067.09 to be paid out of the TIF account.

Roll Call: Alderperson Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington and Witty – yeas

RECOMMENDATION passed 6-0

2. Committee recommended the purchase of (14) 9mm handguns for \$11,281.20. Federal Forfeiture Funds are to be used for this purchase.

Roll Call: Alderperson Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka and Witty – yeas

Alderperson Washington - Abstained

RECOMMENDATION passed 5-0

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3. Committee recommends purchase of F150 truck from the Morrow Brothers at State Bid for \$67,890. Federal Forfeiture Funds are to be used for this purchase. Alderperson Witty/Fero Motioned to approve of the *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVING CUSTOMARY BIDDING PROCEDURES FOR PURCHASE OF 2023 FORD F-150 PURSUIT RATED POLICE RESPONDER*.

Roll Call: Alderperson Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinkka, Washington and Witty – yeas
MOTION passed 6-0

Personnel – MEET August 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk –

1. Report on the exceptional amount (approximately 900) of letters that have been sent to code violators by Stephanie McPeek. The program that we are using has benefited the city in having compliance with our ordinances.

Treasurer –

Mayor –

1. The Mayor asks everyone to read the information contained in an email from Ms. McPeek talking about what is contained in the inspection procedure.

Dept. Heads

Chief –

Water/Sewer –

Streets/Alleys –

Accountant –

Unfinished Business –

1. Final plans for the Dollar Tree projects were not ready.
2. Clerk Holper presented the response from IDOT when she contacted them concerning solicitation at intersections within the city. The city must have an ordinance to be able to have anyone solicit funds at any intersections on IDOT rights-of-way. The city has an ordinance for 4-way stop intersections within the city, but it doesn't specify individual ones. This was referred to committee meeting on 8/14/2023 to discuss and move forward towards amending the ordinance.

New Business –

Adjournment – With no further business to be conducted, Aldermen Fero/Washington Motioned to adjourn the meeting 7:33 p.m. by voice vote. MOTION passed by voice. All were in favor.