

LEBANON COUNCIL MINUTES
May 13, 2024 at 7:05 P.M.

The regular council meeting followed a Public Hearing that took place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

The council met in regular session at city hall and was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Wright.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinkka, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – present

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderperson Fero/Witty Motioned to approve the omnibus agenda, which included the agenda, approval of the bills and minutes from 4/22/2024 council meeting, 4/22/2024 Executive session & Special Council Meeting of 4/29/2024

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinkka, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8 – 0

Audience –

1. A J Dontigney questioned why there hasn't been tickets issued for more serious offenses than just the Ordinance violation concerning being in a liquor establishment. The behavior of the patrons at Ron's Lounge whether of age or underage seems to not be addressed. Ron Trame acknowledged that he agreed with the above position and stated maybe a harsher ticket might alter this behavior.
2. Ron Trame expressed his concerns on the Health and Safety Inspections section of the Code of Ordinance. He wants to make sure everything is stated clearly.

Alderperson –

1. Alderperson Washington complained about ditches and bushes in her ward (2) are not being completed.
2. Alderperson Branch complained that her ward (2) needs to be worked on the issuing of violations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets/Alleys – MEET June 3, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

1. Committee recommended for approval a request by Brewer's Bar & Grill for the closure of W St Louis Street between Pearl and St Clair for the Kenny Hoffmann Memorial Run on Sunday June 2, 2024 between 11:45 am and 3:15 pm. Also, to sell refreshments in front of the establishment and to use the "City Hall" parking lot for some portable restrooms.
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinkka, Washington and Witty – Yes
Alderperson Wilkins – No RECOMMENDATION passed 7-1

Finance – MEET May 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Ordinance – MEET June 3, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

1. Fero/Branch Motioned to approve *ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 – HEALTH AND PUBLIC WELFARE ARTICLE 1 – HEALTH AND SAFETY INSPECTIONS, ADDING INSPECTIONS FOR RENTAL PROPERTIES* as amended below.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8 – 0

Fero/Witty Motioned to amend *ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 – HEALTH AND PUBLIC WELFARE ARTICLE 1 – HEALTH AND SAFETY INSPECTIONS, ADDING INSPECTIONS FOR RENTAL PROPERTIES* to remove Sec. 18-2 and renumber Sec 18-3 to be 18-2.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8 – 0

The sec 18-2 topic will be returned to committee.

Water/Sewer – MEET May 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Cemetery – MEET June 3 , 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Health/Safety – MEET May 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Public Property – MEET June 3 , 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

1. Committee recommended the purchase of a *Meeting Owl 3* from CompuType IT Solution at a cost of \$1199.00 to record meetings at city hall. Yvonne Rohr has graciously volunteered to provide the funds to purchase the equipment for the city.

Alderperson Wilkins/Fero Motioned to amend the recommendation to include the purchase will proceed once the funds are received from Yvonne Rohr.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8 – 0

Committee recommended approval of the amended recommendation of the purchase of a *Meeting Owl 3* from CompuType IT Solution at a cost of \$1199.00 to record meetings at city hall, after receiving a check from Yvonne Rohr for the purchase.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8 – 0

Personnel – MEET May 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

1. * Request to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120 Sec 2(c)(1) of the Open Meeting Act .

Clerk –

Treasurer –

Mayor – Mayor Wright announced she will be out of town and requests George Fero be appointed Mayor Pro Tem for the days of May 15, 16 & 17 of 2024. Alderperson Davis/Wilkins Motioned George be appointed Mayor Pro Tem for May 15th through 17th, 2024.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8 – 0

Dept. Heads

**CHIEF – WATER – ACCOUNTANT –
STREETS – Superintendent Terry announced that St Clair County will be installing the new siren and pole at zero cost to the city**

Unfinished Business –

- 1. Went into executive sessions for an Update concerning the public hearing that took place at 5:30 p.m. on 5/13/2024 to address the situation of Ron's Lounge . * Request to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120 Sec 2(c)(11) of the Open Meeting Act**
- 2. Went into executive sessions for an regarding salaries of non-union personnel. * Request to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120 Sec 2(c)(11) of the Open Meeting Act**

New Business –

- 1. Carrie Christ to propose for approval the closure of the first 2 block of W. St Louis St. from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday October 4, 2024. This is so that Lebanon can have the honor of being the "finish line" in a 40 car run from St. Louis to Lebanon. Alderperson Fero/Washington Motioned to approve the proposed closure of W St Louis St on Oct 4th from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m.**
- 2. * Request to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120 Sec 2(c)(1) of the Open Meeting Act the consideration of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.**
- 3. *Request to go in to Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding must be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.**

Enter executive session with the announcement that there will be vote on the executive session topic.

Alderperson Fero/Bennett Motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:59 p.m.

Roll call: Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinkka, Washington, Wilkins and Witty MOTION passed 8-0

Returned and re-enter regular Council Session at 8:15 p.m.

Roll call: Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinkka, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – Present

Alderperson Fero/Davis Motion to approve the hiring of Heather Peebles to fill the full-time vacancy of Administration Assistant.

**Roll call: Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinkka, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8-0**

Adjournment – With no further business to be conducted, Aldermen Fero/Wilkins Motioned to adjourn the meeting 8:20 p.m. by voice vote. MOTION passed by voice. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Luanne Holper, City Clerk