# LEBANON COUNCIL MINUTES September 9, 2024, 6:30 P.M.

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

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Stevenson, Trinka, Washington and Witty - present

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor read a Proclamation designating the week of Sep.16<sup>th</sup> through Sep. 22<sup>nd</sup> as Constitution Week.

Alderperson Fero/Stevenson Motioned to approve the omnibus agenda with the addition of items #1 and #2 under the Streets/Alleys as they are routine minutes. They are listed as #4 and #5 below.

- \*1. Approve the agenda
- \*2. Approve Bills
- \*3. Approve minutes from Council Meeting 07/22/2024, Council Meeting 08/12/2024, Council Meeting 8/26/2024, Executive session 7/22/2024 and Executive session 8/26/2024
- \*4 Committee recommends approval of the Lebanon Improvement Association's request for the closure of True Value Dr. in front of Ace Hardware all day (6 am to 10 pm) on Sept 28<sup>th</sup> to allow the set up and running of Lebanon's first Octoberfest.
- \*5 Committee recommends amending the preapproved closure of St. Louis St. for Victorian Holidays parade to include the small portion of Belleville St. from the intersection of Alton St. to the next eastern intersection at St. Louis St. This closure will open as soon as the parade moves east on St. Louis St.

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

Audience – no comments Alderpersons – no comments

### PLAN COMMISSION REPORT

- 1. Plan Commission recommended to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for permanent signage and the remodel 109 W. St. Louis for Unity Counseling. Alderperson Branch/Washington Motioned to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for Unity Counseling.
  - Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Stevenson, Trinka, Washington and Witty Yes MOTION passed 8-0.
- 2. The Special Use Permit request for the lots on Perryman has been postponed to a later date.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Streets/Alleys - MEET September 3, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

1. The Lebanon Fall Festival requested the following street closures from 5 am. to 6 p.m. on Oct 5<sup>th</sup>. W. St. Louis from Monroe to Hwy 4, St. Clair St. from W. Center St. to W. Main St. and Pearl St. from W. Center St. to W. Main St. They are also requesting the use of the City Hall parking lot and the new uptown parking lot. Alderperson Fero/Branch Motioned to allow the Lebanon Fall Festival

request of the following street closures from 5 am. To 6 p.m. on Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, W. St. Louis from Monroe to Hwy 4, St. Clair St. from W. Center St. to W. Main St. and Pearl St. from W. Center St. to W. Main St., along with the uptown parking lot and the City Hall parking lot.

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

Finance - MEET September 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Ordinance - MEET September 3, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer – MEET September 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

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

1. The Chair announced that the cemetery sign should be completed within the next two weeks.

Health/Safety – MEET September 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Personnel – MEET September 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

#### Clerk -

- 1. Announced bid notices are out for the surplus equipment of 2006 Ford Pickup Truck and a Ford 350F Dump Truck. Minimum bid is set on each one at \$5000.00.
- 2. The Clerk announced that the original concept presented to the city as request for duplexes on Perryman is possibly going to remain single family lots.
- 3. The Clerk handed out some information concerning the responsibility of alderperson which was previously requested.

Treasurer -

#### Mayor -

1. Mayor Wright requested George Fero to be mayor pro tem from 9/23 thru 9/27. Alderperson Stevenson/Branch Motion to approve Alderperson Fero as mayor pro tem from 9/23 to 9/27.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Stevenson, Trinka, Washington and Witty – Yes Alderperson Fero – Abstain MOTION passed 8-0.

#### Dept. Heads

Chief – There has been an increase in assisting departments in the metro east area. Alderperson Witty asked some questions coming from his constituents. They were concerned about speeding on Belleville, Chamberlin, Alton and Staunton, they stated that they never see the police out patrolling, what is the number of officers per patrol (2 man minimum) and they are concerned about all the overtime (in the union contract).

Streets/Alleys - Oil/Chipping will start Wednesday. Water/Sewer - no report Accountant - no report

## <u>Unfinished Business</u> –

#### New Business -

Alderperson Stevenson asked if there could be a meeting set up with the accountant to discuss
the audit. It was explained that the Open Meetings Act says no more than 2 alderpersons can
meet without a posted agenda 48 hours in advance. He also asked about restricting the citizens
taxes. Each taxing district listed on a tax bill would have to be contacted by the citizens to voice
their concerns.

<u>Adjournment</u> – With no further business to be conducted, Aldermen Fero/Bennett Motioned to adjourn. the meeting 7:12 p.m. by voice vote. MOTION passed by voice. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Luanne Holper, City Clerk**