

LEBANON COUNCIL MINUTES
September 23, 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 Pro Tem George Fero

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderperson Trinka/Bennett Motioned to approve the omnibus agenda with the minutes as corrected

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Stevenson, Trinka and Witty – yes
MOTION passed 7-0

Alderperson Washington entered the chambers at 6:32 p.m.

Audience –

1. Ms. Nelli Beckwith expressed her concern that the city was not addressing her complaint about the resurfacing of Janet Dr. and that she feels it affected her drive entrance.
2. Mike Borquez represents St Louis Art Organization. His organization would like to approach each city council in the area with grants to improve the appearance of the cities. He gave examples of projects that they are funding. They hope to improve design, water shed and other enhancements.
3. Jennifer Trame of the Horner Park Boosters inquired about a weather contingency plan for the Chili Cookout and Car Show at the park. Plans need to be presented by Wed and then Mayor Pro Tem could write an executive order.

Alderpersons –

1. Alderperson Branch suggested that those working on city grants or projects could keep in contact with Mr. Borquez.
2. Alderperson Trinka announced that the sign at College Hill is complete but there might need to be a light placed on it. He suggested that the council go by at night and evaluate the situation.
3. Alderperson Witty remarked that the billboard down at ACE Hardware is up, functioning and is not the monstrosity that some predicted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets/Alleys – MEET October 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Finance – MEET October 14, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Ordinance – MEET October 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

1. Alderperson Davis/Witty Motioned to approve the *ORDINANCE DECLARING PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF LEBANON SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING ITS SALE, TRADE IN, AND/OR DISPOSAL, SPECIFICALLY A 1997 GMC C750 ALTEC BUCKET TRUCK*
2. Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Stevenson, Trinka and Witty – yes
MOTION passed 7-0

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3. Alderperson Davis/Stevenson Motioned to approve changing Sec XVIII-Annual Pay Raises, Section 18.1 (page 20) of the personnel policy to read in its entirety *“Annual pay increases for nonunion employees shall be determined by the council.”*

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Davis, Fero, Stevenson, Trinkka and Witty – yes

Alderperson Branch – no

MOTION passed 6-1.

4. Alderperson Stevenson/Bennett Motioned to approve *AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PERSONNEL POLICY FOR THE CITY OF LEBANON ILLINOIS*, including the change to Sec 18.1 approved in last motion.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Davis, Fero, Stevenson, Trinkka and Witty – yes

Alderperson Branch – no

MOTION passed 6 - 1.

Water/Sewer – MEET October 14, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Cemetery – MEET October 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Health/Safety – MEET October 14, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Public Property – MEET October 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Personnel – MEET October 14, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

1. Discussion on the direction the city’s harassment training should take. The consensus was that online training options should be explored.

Clerk –

1. A tentative schedule of meetings was distributed to the council. The City Clerk will receive any suggestions for the update for 2025.
2. There was a question about Columbus Day as a holiday.
3. The City Clerk will be updating the Schedule Fee as some currant fees do not cover the actual costs.

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, Trinkka and Witty – Yes

Alderperson Fero – Abstain

MOTION passed 7-0.

Dept. Heads

Chief – The Chief approached the council with a statement concerning how the city departments should work together with proper facts and not innuendos. The citizens should be given facts and not someone’s impressions or Facebook postings. If there are questions the council should contact him for the facts. All problems should be discussed between the council and the employees at other times and not brought up the first time at the meetings. Also, that this department has saved the city over 500K in items needed for upgrading this city’s Police Department.

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Streets/Alleys – DMS will start on Sep 30th working on McAllister St. The city will be receiving 15 radios for city wide communication at no cost. We are still going to get a new warning siren but is at the work schedule of the county. Four-way intersections will be installed Oct.3

Water/Sewer – Watermain break on Perryman which included a boil order . The EPA mandated Water Cross Connection Surveys are going out. They need to be done every 2 years.

Accountant – no report

Unfinished Business –

- 1. Alderperson Stevenson stated he would like a 3-way stop sign place at the intersection of Belleville St and Perryman. Street Superintendent Terry interjected that Belleville St from Hwy 50 to where the oil & chip part of Belleville is controlled by St. Clair County**

New Business –

Adjournment – With no further business to be conducted, Aldermen Trink/Davis Motioned to adjourn. the meeting 8:10 p.m. by voice vote. MOTION passed by voice. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Luanne Holper, City Clerk