

## LEBANON COUNCIL MINUTES

July 22, 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, Trinkka, Washington and Witty – present

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderperson Fero/Bennett

Motioned to approve the omnibus agenda, which included the agenda, approval of the bills and minutes from Council Meeting 07/08/2024 and Executive session 07/082024 with corrections.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Stevenson, Trinkka, Washington and Witty – Yes

MOTION passed 8-0

Audience –

1. AJ Doughtney asked about the Dudley Ct vacation and food trucks at the activities.
2. Ron Trame asked about the rental inspections
3. Shawn Belke addressed the behavior of the last committee meeting. He wanted to know if anything was going to be done about it.

Alderpersons –

1. Charles Witty requested an apology from two of the alderpersons for their unbecoming conduct at the last committee meeting.
2. George Fero apologized for raising his voice during his frustration at the last committee meeting.
3. Ulanda Branch eventually apologized to everyone although she felt disrespected first.
4. Ulanda Branch wanted a updates of the bills and ticket revenues.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets/Alleys – MEET August 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Finance – MEET August 19, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

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

1. Alderperson Fero/Davis Motioned to approve the *ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CURRENT COMPENSATION OF THE CITY COLLECTOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, INCLUDING “BACK PAY” TO MAY 1, 2024.*

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

2. Alderperson Fero/Witty Motioned to approve the *ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE TO ELIMINATE THE CITY TREASURER AS AN ELECTED OFFICER, AND ESTABLISH THE CITY TREASURER AS AN APPOINTED POSITION UNDER 65 ILCS 5/3.1-15-5*

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Fero, Stevenson, Trinkka and Witty – Yes  
Alderperson Branch, Davis and Washington - No  
MOTION passed 5 - 3

3. Alderperson Fero/Stevenson Motioned to approve the *ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE TO AMEND THE CLERK POSITION, CREATE THE DEPUTY CLERK POSITION, AMEND THE TREASURER POSITION, AND AMEND THE CITY COLLECTOR POSITION*. Alderperson Stevenson/Fero Motioned to amend the presented ordinance to change the wording from appointed by the “Mayor” to appointed by the “Clerk” in Sec 2-166.

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

Alderperson Washington/Branch Motioned to place the amended *ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE TO AMEND THE CLERK POSITION, CREATE THE DEPUTY CLERK POSITION, AMEND THE TREASURER POSITION, AND AMEND THE CITY COLLECTOR POSITION* on the agenda for the August 12 council meeting.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinkka, Washington and Witty – Yes  
Alderperson Stevenson – No  
MOTION passed 7 – 1

4. The ordinance concerning personnel policy will be placed on the next committee meeting.
5. The ordinance concerning the Health and Safety Inspection will be placed on the next committee meeting.

Water/Sewer – MEET August 19, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Cemetery – MEET August 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

1. Chair reported that he is pleased with the mowing of the cemetery.

Health/Safety – MEET August 19, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

1. Chair mentioned a tree on Center St that is a hazzard and the City will trim but it is really IDOT

Public Property – MEET August 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Personnel – MEET August 19, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

1. Chair requested to go into executive session to discuss pay increase for the non-union personnel. 4% was discussed for the 2 superintendents and the City Clerk. \* Request to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120 Sec 2(c)(1) of the Open Meeting Act
2. Chair requested to go into executive session to discuss information to be included in the ordinance and resolution concerning back pay for 2 superintendents. \* Request to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120 Sec 2(c)(1) of the Open Meeting Act

Clerk –

Treasurer –

Mayor – Requested to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120 Sec 2(c)(1) of the Open Meeting Act

Dept. Heads

CHIEF –

1. He stated that police departments do not produce revenue as it is illegal to do so.
2. Department received the 2023 F-150 which came out of Federal Forfeiture Funds
3. Undercover detail, by the Lebanon department and the Illinois Liquor Commission, occurred in Lebanon on July 11<sup>th</sup> for underage drinking. Eleven places were visited and six sold to the underaged person. All were cited.
4. Officers responded to a call concerning the holding of some young people having helped an woman with some chores and then wouldn't let them leave.
5. Officers responded to a burgerly on July 17<sup>th</sup> at Prescription Plus within a minute and missed the culprits. It has turned into a professional multiple state problem .

**Unfinished Business –**

1. The discussion of the Business District Committee turned into a explanation of the standard operating procedures on how people can apply and how to approve those requests.
2. Alderperson Trinkka/ Fero Motioned to approve the McKendree University Convocation street closure request on August 22, 2024 from 12 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. This year they want to have a processional from 710 College Road across College Road and up the sidewalk to the Chapel.  
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Stevenson, Trinkka, Washington and Witty – Yes  
MOTION passed 8-0

**New Business –**

1. \* 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.

There was an announcement that there would be a vote after executive session

Alderperson Fero/Witty Motioned to enter into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

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

Alderperson Fero/Witty Motioned leave Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. and enter regular session.

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

Entered regular Council session at 8:50 p.m.

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

Alderperson Fero/Davis Motioned to approve the *RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CURRENT COMPENSATION FOR CITY SUPERINTENDENTS, INCLUDING STREETS, ALLEYS & CEMETERY DEPARTMENT, AND WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, AND “BACK PAY” FOR FISCL YEARS 2021-2022, 2022-2023, AND 2023-2024.*

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

**Adjournment** – With no further business to be conducted, Aldermen Fero/Bennett Motioned to adjourn the meeting 8:52 p.m. by voice vote. MOTION passed by voice. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Luanne Holper, City Clerk