

LEBANON COUNCIL MINUTES

August 26, 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/Witty Motioned to approve the omnibus agenda, without the minutes.

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

Audience –

1. Barb Cioni expressed her disapproval of the Business Tax District including any residential addresses. The Business Tax District is a contiguous district and those within pay a percent of the purchase price, even on the internet, to be used on projects within the business district. All addresses may petition to have monies spent on their area which is then reviewed and presented for final approval by the council.
2. Debbie Trame questioned the composition of the “committee” for the Business District. She questioned if the City Attorney should be placed on the committee.
3. Nell Beckman of 610 Janet Dr. approached the city about her claim of damage to her driveway and car. She stated that the superintendent of Streets has not addressed her problem and feels that she needs to be contacted about what the outcome is of her complaint.
4. Susan Stevenson registered her complaint concerning the Business District Tax. She would like all the residential addresses removed.

Alderpersons –

1. Charles Witty stated that there is a scheduled meeting concerning the Business District by the mayor on Wednesday (9/28).
2. Linda Washington stated that people around Cherry and Dee street were pleased to have The trees worked on in that area. She asked when the insurance claims will be concluded.
3. Uland Branch gave her opinion that the addresses should be re-evaluated in the Business District.
4. Charles Witty and the Clerk both gave information that there were posted hearing and meetings about the idea of a Business District and had the Moran group address the public hearing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. Committee recommended to approve the lowest bid from DMS Contracting of \$35,149.10 for oil and chipping of streets.
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Stevenson, Trinkka, Washington and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8-0
2. Alderperson Davis/Fero Motioned to approve the 2024 List of Streets for Oil and Chipping.
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Stevenson, Trinkka, Washington and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8-0

3. The Advertising of surplus equipment will be placed in locale newspaper for sealed bids. Equipment to include a Ford 350 1999 Dump Truck with snow plow blade and a 2006 International Street Sweeper.

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

1. Committee recommended approval the contract between the City of Lebanon and TWM for the E McAllister Street Construction Observation.
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Stevenson, Trinkka, Washington and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8-0
2. Chair requested an executive session for salary discussion under *Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120 Sec 2(c)(1) of the OMA

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

1. Alderperson Fero/Davis Motioned to approve the *ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 32-116, ONE-WAY STREETS DESIGNATED, OF THE CITY CODE TO ELIMINATE A ONE-WAY STREET FROM ALTON STREET TO HORNER STREET WHILE TRAVELING ON WEST RANDLE STREET*
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Stevenson, Trinkka, Washington and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8-0

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

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

1. Hopefully, the new sign will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

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

1. Chair thanked Cody for taking down a rotten tree in Ward 2.

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

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

Clerk –

1. City Clerk presented for approval the *ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LEBANON, ILLINOIS, BUDGET FOR MAY 1, 2024, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025.*
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Stevenson, Trinkka, Washington and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8-0
2. City Clerk reminded everyone that is interested in running for mayor, clerk or alderpersons to pick up a packet at city hall. Because Nov the 11th is Veterans Day petitions are allowed to be turned into the Clerk starting Nov. 12th through the 19th from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Treasurer –

Mayor –

1. The mayor presented for approval an *INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LEBANON, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND THE HORNER PARK DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS, REGARDING POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES.*
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Davis, Fero, Stevenson, Trinkka, Washington and Witty – Yes
Alderperson Branch - Abstain
MOTION passed 8-0

Dept. Heads

Chief – (Mayor reported for the Chief)

1. Arrest of 3 persons for burglary and arrest of 4 persons for Drugs.

Water/Sewer –

1. Door to door survey for the Herman Street waterline.
2. Cross Connection Survey will be sent out again. This is a mandate that is to complete because everything not reported is considered to be lead.
3. Stated the elimination of 50,000 out of the water/sewer budget is understandable but knows that items were cut from Streets/Alleys and the Police departments.

Accountant–

1. Reported on the progress of installing the GoGov workorder program, including training and the installation of an app that the citizens will be able to use to report and track complaints.

Unfinished Business –

1. There will be a meeting between city hall workers to discuss the procedures to be used in the Business District.
2. Alderperson Fero/Branch Motioned to ask the Attorney to write a vacation of Dudley Ct.
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Stevenson, Trinkka, Washington and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8-0
3. Alderperson Trinkka/Stevenson Motioned to approve the Personnel Manual as presented.
4. Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Stevenson, Trinkka and Witty – Yes
Alderperson Washington
MOTION passed 7-1
5. Alderperson Fero/Witty Motioned to approve the refurbishment of the black antique looking streetlights on St. Louis St. by the Lebanon Improvement Association. If we get new light poles on St. Louis St. then those refurbished will make their way out to the College Hill Cemetery.
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Stevenson, Trinkka, Washington and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8-0
6. Alderperson Fero/Witty Motioned to approve the Plan Commission recommendation to allow the signage for Vista Care at 114 Wakanda Dr. Suite A
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Stevenson, Trinkka, Washington and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8-0
7. Alderperson Washington wanted to Thank the persons replacing the Veteran Banners. The Lions Club will be in charge of that project going forward.

New Business –

1. Committee recommended approval of the Lions Club Candy Day on Friday & Saturday October 11 & 12, 2024 at the intersection of W St Louis/Monroe and McAllister/Hwy 4 & 50.
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Stevenson, Trinkka, Washington and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8-0
2. Committee recommended approval of the request for a McKendree University Homecoming & Family Weekend 5K Run on October 12 starting at 7a.m. and ending at 9 a.m.
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Stevenson, Trinkka, Washington and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8-0
3. Alderperson Davis/Branch Motioned to approve a request for the 4th Annual “Lets Ride Lebanon” cycling event and use the city hall parking lot on Sep. 14 from 9 am – 2 pm. (rain date Sep 15)
Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Stevenson, Trinkka, Washington and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8-0

4. Mayor requested 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 may or may not be a vote after executive session.

Aldersperson Fero/Bennett Motioned to leave regular at 8:02 p.m. and enter into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

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

MOTION passed 8 – 0

Aldersperson Fero/Bennett Motioned leave Executive Session at 8:39 p.m. and enter regular session.

Roll Call: Aldersperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Washington and Witty – Yes

Aldersperson Trinkka – No

MOTION passed 8 – 0

Entered regular Council session at 8:42 p.m.

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

Adjournment – With no further business to be conducted, Aldermen Fero/Bennett Motioned to adjourn the meeting 8:43 p.m. by voice vote. MOTION passed by voice. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Luanne Holper, City Clerk