

LEBANON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 11, 2021

The council met in regular session by electronic means through Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Wilken.

Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Roma, Witty and Wright – present

Aldermen Mack/Fero Motioned to approve the December 28, 2020 minutes.

Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Roma, Witty and Wright– Yeas
MOTIONED passed 8-0

Plan Commission –

1. The Plan Commission recommended to approve the request from Smiels for three separate signs. They approved sign designs that would replace the large sign on the side of the building and another that would replace a small sign at the top of the ramp. It approved a sign for the front apex of the building IF it consisted of separate letters mounted to the face of the building and NOT a solid back sign with the letters mounted on to it. That design would be too large. Aldermen Gale/Fero Motioned to approve the recommendation of the Plan Commission.

Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Roma, Witty and Wright – Yeas
MOTIONED passed 8-0

2. The Plan Commission denied approval of a request to change the zoning of a land parcel that Kyle Hogg owns. The parcel is currently zoned into a SR-1 section and a A-1 section. It is his desire to have it re-zoned all A-1. The Plan Commissions reasoning was because he can obtain A-1 through a Special Use Permit. Aldermen Fero/Jenkins motioned to override the recommendation of the Plan Commission. Later Aldermen Fero/Jenkins both withdrew the motion. The clerk suggested that the city needs to research the legality of splitting the SR-1 districts in that area per our ordinances. There was a consensus to proceed in that direction. Alderman Roma said he would like to “take point” on this matter.
3. The topic of the procedure on issuing of the Certificates of Appropriateness was discussed. The idea of the Architectural Design Committee usage to help the Plan Commission move some items forward in a reduced time frame entered into the discussion. No concrete procedure was agreed upon and it will remain a topic for the Plan Commission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets/Alleys – MEET February 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance – MEET January 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Ordinance – MEET February 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Aldermen Fero/Roma motioned to approve an ordinance titled AMENDING SECTIONS 36-828 AND 36-829 OF THE LEBANON CITY CODES OF ORDINANCES.

Water/Sewer – MEET January 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Cemetery – MEET February 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Health/Safety – MEET January 19, at 7:00 p.m.

COVID-19 numbers are: 62254: Tested 6877 UP 719 Cases 657 Up 126

LCC: Cases: 85 Deaths: 12

Cedar Ridge: Cases: 146 Deaths: 20

Cedars of Lebanon: Cases: 2 Deaths: 0

McKendree: 6 active cases

Daily positivity: 13.5% (SCC) 7-day positivity rate: 14.1 %

Public Property – MEET February 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Personnel – MEET January 19, at 7:00 p.m.

1. Chairman requested executive session to discuss personnel issue*

Clerk

1. Part-time employee started today.
2. Our IT company, Computype, started and has begun the process of installing all the security items.
3. City Hall has decided that we need a janitor and will get together with Personnel to determine the actual details.
4. The Clerk updating the list at St Clair County for the required Economic Interest Statements. There will be an email to all elected, appointed or certain contractual person to update it.

Treasurer –

1. Still working on the FY2021-2022 budget with accountants input of certain numbers.

Mayor –

1. Administration has initiated negotiations with the employee unions.
2. Administration has contacted the health insurance company to compile the some plans and projected costs to send to the insurance committee.

Dept. Heads –

Chief – no report

Building/Code Enforcement – no report

Streets/Alleys – absent

Water/Sewer – No report

Accountant – Sent everyone the account and balance analysis.

Audience –

Unfinished Business –

1. No update on the Phase 2 McKendree Park (drainage culvert area)
2. No update on sidewalk repair
3. No update on IDOT moving the city limit signs and removing the old golf course sign.
4. The finished Ordinance that will authorize the operation of recreational non-highway vehicles on city streets is being review for presentation to the council.
5. No update on buying/renting a stump grinder.

New Business –

- 1. The Christmas lights for uptown was discussed and there are plans from both the Chamber and Victorian Holidays to raise funds.**
- 2. Discussion of vandalism on the Brick street. Chief has been contacted about this problem.**
- 3. The mayor called a five-minute break at 8:21 for the purpose of going into executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining information.**

***Chairman Gale request to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120 Sec 2(c)(2) the collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.**

Executive session started at 8:26 p.m.

Returned from executive session at 8:46 p.m.

Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Roma, Witty and Wright – Yeas

Council discussed a topic that was entered in the comment section concerning how a person may approach the city with a proposition which would need budgetary action. It was determined that the person should approach this topic through a committee meeting.

Adjournment –

**With no further business to be conducted, Aldermen Gale/Fero moved to adjourn the meeting. at 8:53 p.m. Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Roma, Witty and Wright – Yeas
MOTION passed 8-0**

Luanne Holper, City Clerk