

LEBANON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 25, 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

No minutes were presented for approval from the January 11, 2021 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Finance – MEET February 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Committee recommends approval of bills as presented.

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

2. A discussion on the Neighborhood Plan for the South East Quadrant part of Lebanon as proposed by Friends of McAllister Park and Heartland Conservancy took place. The council asked that information to be gathered by the presenters for the next committee meeting on Feb. 1, 2021 at 7:00.

Water/Sewer – MEET February 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Health/Safety – MEET February 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

COVID-19 numbers are: 62254: Tested 7656 UP 282 Cases 719 Up 21

LCC: Cases: 85 Deaths: 12

Cedar Ridge: Cases: 169 UP 4 Deaths: 20

Cedars of Lebanon: Cases: 2 Deaths: 0

McKendree: 6 active cases

Daily positivity: 11.9% (SCC) 7-day rolling rate: 9.3 %

These numbers include all testing, including retesting. And the above living centers, including McKendree students, are included based on their residency zip code.

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

Personnel – MEET February 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Chairman requested executive session according to 5 ILCS 120 Sec 2(c)(2) to discuss the FOP contract*

Clerk –

1. The city will contact the sidewalk addresses again to try to reach our 80% by the end of Feb. Ms. Martin suggested a 1 minute video explain the importance of the survey be made and once completed be distributed on some of the Facebook pages and web sites. There was an offer by Alderman Fero to produce the video and distribute it.
2. We are in contact with our credit card company and we are waiting our IT company, Computype, to install the cables for the card readers.
3. The chairman of the Personnel Committee and the Clerk will discuss the amount of time needed per week for a janitor for the city in preparation of eventually opening city hall.

Treasurer –

1. Working on the FY2021-2022 budget with accountant. The treasurer's estimation on certain healthcare numbers is towards a 10% increase. He is waiting on some income numbers to be provided.

Mayor –

Dept. Heads –

Chief – Tony Tomlinson reported in place of Chief Roth that the LPD is aware of the issues concerning uptown activities. They are increasing the patrols and also stationary positions. The LPD requests a call to them when needed.

Building/Code Enforcement – no report Streets/Alleys – no report

Water/Sewer – No report

Accountant – All 1099 and W-2s have been sent out

Audience –

Belinda McAllister thanked the council for their time in discussing the SE Quadrant proposal.

Unfinished Business –

1. The item listed for boring under Highway 4 was put on hold because Ms. Zurliene asked the water Superintendent to hold off on petitioning the IDOT. Since an engineering drawing is needed to submit this boring permit at a cost to the city. The request to stop came directly from BJZ and so the city will wait until contacted by BJZ
2. Sidewalk repair is completed except for some backfilling in the 300 block of W St Louis St and 400 block of Center. Next project will be in the 200 block of E St Louis St in front of the Laundry mat.
3. Still looking for more professional grade to buy/rent a stump grinder.

New Business –

1. Alderman Johnson requested that she would like to have a summary from the department heads as to their activities during the two week period for council each meeting. Mayor questioned exactly what was desired in those reports.
 - Superintendent Zimmerman reported that for the past week she has been dealing with the continuing shifting of the old wastewater treatment plant. There was a detailed report given about steps taken under her supervision from the beginning excavation to present. They included finding/repair a water leak under building, placing a header wall for support, monitoring movement and filling a cavern under with flowable fill.
 - Dale Kyroutac stated that he gave a power point report for the year end of 2020 and asked if everyone received said report. No one commented on his report.

The mayor called a five-minute break at 8:35 for the purpose of going into executive session for the purpose of discussing some collective bargaining information per the OMA stated below with the following people in attendance: Mayor, Clerk, John Long, Treasurer and the eight council members.

*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 8:38p.m.

Returned from executive session and reconvened the regular council meeting at 8:57p.m.

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

Mayor requested Teddy Sells to forward the video immediately to the Clerk. He also thanked the council for a very discipline and meaningful meeting in which a lot was accomplished. He then asked for a motion to adjourn.

Adjournment –

With no further business to be conducted, Aldermen C/Fero moved to adjourn the meeting.

at 8:59p.m. Roll Call: Aldermen Fero, Gale, Jenkins, Johnson, Mack, Roma, Witty and Wright – Yeas
MOTION passed 8-0

Luanne Holper, City Clerk