



**Minutes for the Lebanon City Council Meeting (Work Session)
April 3, 2018
7:00 p.m. 50 S. Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio**

Council of the City of Lebanon met in a work session meeting in the large conference room at the City Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 3, 2018 with the following members present: Mayor Brewer, Mr. Aylor, Mr. Dearie, Mrs. Monroe, Mr. Messer, Mr. Shope and Ms. Wyatt. Present from the City Staff was Acting Manager Jeff Mitchell, Attorney Mark Yurick, Auditor Dan Burke, and Police Chief Jeff Mitchell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Previous Business

Ordinance 2018-026 – Approving modifications to Section 921.08 Indigent Burials of the Lebanon Codified Ordinances.

Ordinance 2018-027 – Approving modifications to Section 921.02 and 921.05 as it relates to Lebanon Cemetery charges.

Ordinance 2018-028 – Approving the extension of the existing public right of way use lease for Doc's Place through 2023.

Ordinance 2018-029 – Approving the purchase of a replacement service truck in the Wastewater Division in the amount of \$117,584 from the state bid list.

Ordinance 2018-031 – Amending section 133.02 Approved Positions and Titles of the Lebanon City Code to reflect title changes in the Fire Division.

New Business

Resolution – Authorizing the City Manager to apply for an ODOT Safety Fund grant in the amount of \$500,000 to support pedestrian safety improvements in the Central Business District. Mr. Brunka stated that the project will be scheduled for 2019 if grant funding is received. Mr. Shope sponsored legislation for the next City Council meeting.

Resolution – Authorizing the City Manager to apply for an OKI Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant in the amount of \$1,500,000 to support the reconstruction and widening of Glosser Rd. between S.R. 63 and US 42. Mr. Brunka stated that there will be a lot of competition from other local governments for this funding. Mayor Brewer, Mr. Aylor and Ms. Wyatt sponsored legislation for the next City Council meeting.

Resolution – Authorizing the City Manager to apply for an ODNR NatureWorks grant in the amount of \$43,000 to repair and resurface the basketball courts in Pleasant Park. Mr. Brunka stated that this would be scheduled for 2019 if funding is received. Ms. Wyatt sponsored legislation for the next City Council meeting.

Resolution – Authorizing the City to participate in the Warren County Engineer's Office 2018 – 2019 road salt purchasing cooperative. Mayor Brewer sponsored legislation for the next City Council meeting.

Ordinance – Approving a final subdivision plat for the Old Fort Drive-in Theater to support the new United Dairy Farmers redevelopment plan as recommended by Planning Commission. Emergency language requested. Mr. Aylor sponsored legislation for the next City Council meeting.

Ordinance – Approving a final subdivision plat for the Lebanon Ford Subdivision encompassing 9.9 acres of land and combining three lots of record into a single lot as recommended by Planning Commission. Emergency language requested. Mayor Brewer sponsored legislation for the next City Council meeting.

General Discussion Topics:

City Auditor Financial Update

Auditor Dan Burke presented a comprehensive review of earnings tax collection for calendar year 2015-2017 and year-to-date 2018. The earning tax revenue has increased significantly over the past nine months and that growth is attributed to a change in the earnings tax residential credit along with a renewed focus on delinquent income tax collection. Mr. Burke will be able to determine the direct financial impact of the residential tax credit change once all of the 2017 tax returns are received and audited.

Update from the Warren County Drug Task Force

Steve Arrasmith, Commander of the Warren County Drug Task Force, reviewed the 2017 Annual Report. Commander Arrasmith discussed the successes of the program and their challenges with ongoing funding and crime lab processing delays at the State. The Task Force efforts resulted in 506 criminal cases in 2017 and that was a significant increase over the prior two years. The Commander discussed several cases involving Crystal Methamphetamine and Heroin/Fentanyl. The Commander thanked City Council for Lebanon's continual staffing and financial support of the Task Force.

Open Discussion

Mr. Dearie discussed his concerns about having a medical marijuana dispensary anywhere in Lebanon and particularly in the proposed location next to Dairy Queen. He would like City Council to think about a temporary moratorium on dispensaries until there is time to determine how the initial rollout affects communities with a dispensary. Mr. Shope stated that everyone he knows would be opposed to a dispensary in Lebanon. Ms. Wyatt believes that individuals with a prescription would not abuse the system because they need the product for personal pain relief. Mr. Aylor believes that the Lebanon residents are probably split pretty evenly for and against medical marijuana just like City Council has been. If City Council desires a temporary moratorium on dispensaries, Mr. Yurick recommended that they enact it before the dispensary sites are finalized. Mr. Yurick also noted that the proposed dispensary location is almost directly across the street from a CVS Pharmacy so it could be problematic to approve a zoning regulation that allows one while excluding the other. Mr. Yurick also noted that the applicants submitted their proposals in good faith with the understanding that Lebanon was allowing dispensaries. Mr. Shope reiterated that he is in favor of the moratorium and the potential of a lawsuit would not change his position. Mr. Shope supports the law but he doesn't want to see a dispensary in Lebanon. Mr. Dearie reminded City Council that Lebanon would have the only dispensary in the three county foot-print and he doesn't think it fits the community's image.

Mr. Messer is concerned about the crime lab problems that are inhibiting the Drug Task Force. Mr. Messer asked Mr. Brunka if there was anything the City could do to lessen the State crime lab delays. Mr. Brunka

has spoken with Chief Mitchell and they are considering some options. Mr. Yurick explained that there are political implications in the decision to use the State crime lab. Providing additional funding may not alleviate any of the evidence processing delays because the case backlog has increased considerably. Mr. Brunka will see if there are any options available to expedite the lab processing of the Task Force's Lebanon cases.

There being no further business to come before this Council a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Dearie, seconded by Mr. Shope. Roll call vote was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Passed: *May 8, 2018*



Mayor



Clerk