



Minutes for the Lebanon City Council Meeting (Work Session)
January 2, 2019
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 January 2, 2019 with the following members present: Mayor Brewer, Mr. Aylor, Mr. Messer, Mrs. Monroe, Mr. Shope and Ms. Wyatt. Present from the City Staff was Manager Scott Brunka, Attorney Mark Yurick and Auditor Dan Burke. Mrs. Monroe made a motion to excuse Mr. Dearie, seconded by Mr. Shope and approved by a show of hands. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Previous Business

None

New Business

Ordinance – Approving a 3-year collective bargaining agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) unit. Mr. Brunka gave an overview of the changes to the contract. Mr. Brunka stated that the recommended changes will help keep the City of Lebanon competitive with our peer communities. Mayor Brewer and Ms. Wyatt sponsored legislation for the next Council meeting.

Ordinance – Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the IBEW unit outlining union membership and dues deduction requirements. Mayor Brewer sponsored legislation for the next Council meeting.

Ordinance – Approving a 3-year contract with Miller Lawn and Landscape, with an annual cost of \$42,626.36 for the bush hogging of certain City parks and public right of way. Mr. Brunka split the bid into two components and that resulted in several competitive bids for the service. This is a new vendor. Mr. Aylor sponsored legislation for the next Council meeting.

Ordinance – Approving a 3-year contract with Daily's Lawn and Landscaping, with an annual cost of \$61,278.09 for the mowing of certain City parks and public right of way. This is a new vendor. Mr. Aylor sponsored legislation for the next Council meeting.

Ordinance – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an annexation agreement with Turtlecreek Township to support the annexation of property located at 1831 S.R. 63 and being owned by A.W. Cardinal, Inc. Mr. Brunka stated that Turtlecreek Township is not planning to contest the annexation. Mr. Yurick clarified that the compensation formula is determined by statute, it is not negotiable. Mayor Brewer and Ms. Wyatt sponsored legislation for the next Council meeting.

Ordinance – Approving the final plat for the Blair Subdivision, which consolidates two parcels encompassing 0.8990 acres on Columbus Ave., as recommended by Planning Commission. There was a discussion about future zoning compliance on both parcels. It was determined that any future work on either parcel would have to comply with existing zoning codes. Mr. Messer sponsored legislation for the next Council meeting.

Ordinance – Approving the final plat for the Harts Plaza Section 2 Subdivision, which splits the existing parcel into two separate parcels to allow for separate uses of the building, as recommended by Planning

Commission. Mayor Brewer has met with the business owners and the plan is to develop a comprehensive indoor recreational complex with full service dining. The goal is to open by the end of 2019. Mayor Brewer and Mr. Shope sponsored legislation for the next Council meeting.

Ordinance – Approving the final plat for the West Mulberry St. First Subdivision, which consolidates two parcels creating a new lot of record encompassing 0.3144 acres, as recommended by Planning Commission. Mr. Aylor sponsored legislation for the next Council meeting.

General Discussion Topics

Civic Donation Requests

Mr. Brunka provided a list of the 2018 donations along with a summary of the 2019 donation requests. The library requested police security for a special NASA display. The City's policy allows officers to work off-duty details but that service is billed on an hourly basis. The request for complimentary security service was denied. Mr. Brunka explained that the Library already receives a utility credit and that request was approved. Council reviewed the list of requests and discussed some minor modifications. Mr. Shope is fine with the adjustments but stated that he wanted to stay within the existing budgeted total. Mayor Brewer recommended a small utility credit for the Arts Council since they now have their own building. Mayor Brewer will check and see if the Arts Council is paying utilities or if their landlord covers that cost. Mr. Shope reiterated that he would like to stick with the budgeted amount. Mr. Brunka clarified that the overall budget can absorb a modest increase to the donation program if that is what Council recommends. After further discussion about the value that these organizations provide to the City of Lebanon, several modifications were made to the list and the total of the funding donations increased by \$1,000.

Mr. Burke was excused to address a family medical emergency at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor Brewer asked Mr. Brunka to review the budget to identify where the additional funding can be accessed. The proposed donations include: Chamber of Commerce (\$6,000); Optimist Club (\$3,000); Main Street Lebanon (\$4,000); Rotary Club (\$2,000); Symphony (\$2,000); and the Arts Council (\$2,000). The proposed utility credits include: Theatre Company (\$3,000); Historical Society (\$15,000); Humane Association (\$5,000); Garden Club (\$3,000); and the Library (\$35,000). Mayor Brewer sponsored legislation for the next Council meeting.

City Giving Tree Program Update – Scheduled for the January 8th Council Meeting

Board of Festival & Tourism Appointment Request

Mr. Aylor made a motion to appoint Jamie Adleta to the Board, seconded by Ms. Wyatt and approved by a show of hands.

Open Discussion

Mr. Brunka stated that he is developing a working group to discuss development options for Berry Plaza. Ms. Wyatt suggested contacting Mike Klein to see if he wants to be involved. A meeting is scheduled for January 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Barrel House for local residents to discuss the proposed Main Street Development.

Mr. Aylor asked if there are any written plans available for the shoe factory project. Mayor Brewer clarified that there is nothing in writing right now and that the project will be completed in phases due to issues with parking and overall project costs.

There being no further business to come before this Council a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Aylor, seconded by Ms. Wyatt. Roll call vote was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Passed: *February 12, 2019*

Maya H. Buss

Mayor

Amel Bunka

Clerk