



Minutes for the Lebanon City Council Meeting (Work Session)
March 5, 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 March 5, 2019 with the following members present: Mayor Brewer, Mr. Aylor, Mr. Dearie, Mr. Messer, Mrs. Monroe, and Ms. Wyatt. Present from the City Staff was Manager Scott Brunka, Attorney Mark Yurick, Auditor Dan Burke, and Community Development Director Jason Millard. C.P.A. Sean Fraunfelter was also present. Mr. Aylor made a motion to excuse Mr. Shope, seconded by Mr. Messer and approved by a show of hands. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Previous Business

None

New Business

Resolution – Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with S. Lebanon and Warren County regarding sewer service to select parcels in S. Lebanon. Mr. Brunka stated that it is not feasible for the City of Lebanon to provide sewer service to this area. This is simply a consent that the City if agreeable with Warren County providing sewer service. Mr. Aylor sponsored legislation for the next Council meeting.

Ordinance – Approving a supplemental appropriation in the Tax Increment Financing Fund for payments to the Lebanon City School District and Kings Local School District. Mr. Burke explained that this legislation will appropriate the funds necessary for the City of Lebanon to reimburse both school districts for the payment calculation errors up to and including 2017 and for the reimbursement due for 2018. Mr. Burke thanked Sean Fraunfelter for helping determine the amounts owed. Mayor Brewer sponsored legislation for the next Council meeting.

Ordinance – Approving a construction contract with Rack and Ballauer Excavating in the amount of \$1,989,315.19 for the reconstruction of Center St., Fairview Ave., and Walnut St. Emergency Language Requested. Mr. Brunka gave a visual presentation of the construction area. There was a discussion about limiting truck traffic in that area and that will be revisited at a later date. Ms. Wyatt sponsored legislation for the next Council meeting.

Ordinance – Approving a construction contract with R.A. Miller Construction Company in the amount of \$1,027,403.85 for the paving and concrete replacement program on various streets located throughout the City. Emergency Language Requested. Mr. Brunka stated that pricing was a little higher than anticipated but that is a direct result of current market conditions. Mayor Brewer sponsored legislation for the next Council meeting.

Resolution – Approving the concrete program assessment list to replace certain defective sidewalks and drive approaches in conjunction with the annual paving program. Emergency Language Requested. Mr. Aylor and Mayor Brewer sponsored legislation for the next Council meeting.

Ordinance – Approving the final plat of Watson Crossing VI Subdivision creating a 14.9 acre lot along Columbus Ave. as recommended by Planning Commission. Emergency Language Requested. Mayor Brewer sponsored legislation for the next Council meeting.

Ordinance – Approving the final plat for the Prestige Park Subdivision creating a 2.2 acre lot along S.R. 123 as recommended by Planning Commission. Emergency Language Requested. Ms. Wyatt sponsored legislation for the next Council meeting.

General Discussion Topics

Berry Park Concept Presentation

Mr. Brunka gave a visual presentation of the concept plan for Berry Park and the focus is the greenspace closest to Broadway. The plan is very flexible and includes walking paths that link several nodes; new trees, plants, flowers and benches; and space for monuments and art displays. Lebanon City Schools Superintendent Todd Yohey has met with the Lebanon Garden Club and they are pleased with the design. The Hall of Fame concept will recognize individuals who have made notable contributions to the City of Lebanon. There was a discussion about honoring the founding fathers of Lebanon. Everyone is pleased with the modern design and think it will be an excellent gateway to downtown Lebanon. Mr. Brunka stated that the next step is for City Council and the Lebanon School Board to authorize an agreement which is being drafted. Michael Coyan, Ester Larson, and Donna Davis Norris also participated in the discussion.

E. Mulberry St. Bump Out Concept

Mr. Brunka gave a visual presentation of a requested sidewalk extension in front of the Greenhouse Café. The proposed bump out was requested by Café owner Lindsay Mescher and would eliminate two existing parking spaces on Mulberry Street. Mrs. Mescher explained that the addition of outdoor dining will help draw more pedestrians to that block of Mulberry Street. Mr. Brunka supports this request because the bump out is located on a corner, he said it would be less desirable in the middle of a block. An existing stormwater catch basin will be addressed during the project. City Council is very supportive of the project. The Café plans to open in early April.

Mr. Brunka gave a quick update on the cost of the proposed arch and the vertical pillars for the Mulberry Street project. There was some concern about the vertical pillars and whether they would be very noticeable or distinguishing. There was a brief discussion about sponsorship and Mr. Brunka will report back to City Council when the final numbers are determined.

Naming of S. Broadway Ave. Park

City Council would like the Park Board to recommend names. City Council discussed not naming the Park after an individual and trying to incorporate the geographic area as a way to identify the Park's location.

Small Business Incentive Program Committee

There was a discussion about the composition of the Committee and steps taken to avoid conflicts of interest.

Warren County Board of Health Appointment

Resident Holly Boyd would like to serve on the Board. Ms. Wyatt made a motion to appoint Holly Boyd, seconded by Mr. Messer and approved by a show of hands.

Shade Tree Commission Appointment

Resident Tim Bonificio would like to serve on the Commission. Mr. Messer made a motion to appoint Tim Bonificio, seconded by Ms. Wyatt and approved by a show of hands.

Liquor License – Maes Ploys Thai Restaurant

Mr. Burke stated that the Police Chief has initiated a new review process so City Council will have an advisory opinion before acting on these permits from this point forward. The Police Department raised no objections to this request. Mr. Aylor made a motion to offer no objection to this request, seconded by Mr. Messer and approved by a show of hands.

Open Discussion

Mr. Dearie inquired about traffic flow and students crossing Miller Road from Rosemarie to get to school. When it is dark it is very difficult to see the children because the crosswalk area is not well lit. There was a discussion about whether there was a crossing guard at that location. Mr. Brunka will contact Superintendent Yohey to check on that street crossing.

Mrs. Monroe inquired about the Indian Restaurant. Mr. Brunka stated that the fire is still under investigation and he will report to City Council when the investigation concludes.

There being no further business to come before this Council a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Messer, seconded by Mr. Dearie. Roll call vote was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Passed: *March 12, 2019*

Maya J. Belle

Mayor

David Burke

Clerk