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Minutes for the Lebanon City Council Meeting
August 11, 2020
7:00 p.m. 50 S. Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio

Council of the City of Lebanon met in regular session meeting in the Council Chambers at the City Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 11, 2020 with the following members present: Mayor Brewer, Mr. Mathews (video), Vice Mayor Messer (video), Mrs. Monroe, Mr. Shafer, Mr. Shope and Ms. Wyatt. Present from the City Staff was Manager Scott Brunka (video), Attorney Mark Yurick and Clerk/Auditor Dan Burke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the invocation was given by Ms. Wyatt.

Consideration of the Work Session Minutes: None.

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Ms. Wyatt made a motion to adopt the minutes, seconded by Mr. Shafer. Roll call vote to adopt the minutes was approved 7-0.

Recognition of Visitors:

Lebanon resident Bob Vacker asked if the City is prepared to protect residents if there are riots in the area. He also stated that he wants the City to preserve farmland. Mr. Brunka stated that all City demonstrations include a plan and participation from the Police Department to ensure that everything is safe.

Previous Business - None

New Business

Resolution 2020-078 A Resolution Denouncing All Forms Of Racism, Prejudice, And Discrimination was read in title only by Mr. Yurick. Mr. Brunka stated that this legislation will approve a resolution denouncing all forms of racism, prejudice, and discrimination. Mayor Brewer clarified that there were two Resolutions discussed during the previous Council work session and that this Resolution is the only one that is being considered for a vote this evening. Mr. Yurick clarified that all of City Council has sponsored this legislation. A motion to adopt Resolution 2020-078 was made by Ms. Wyatt, seconded by Mr. Shope. Mayor Brewer opened public comments on the Resolution.

Georgetta Sims, Ben Watawa, Brooke Handley, Karen Schaeffer, Jessica Kaiser, Heather Leap, Renee Forester, Laura Fabik, Richard Ketterer, Wade Krise, Raye Kimberlin, and Lena Salmon all spoke and urged City Council to adopt this Resolution.

Roll call vote was approved unanimously. Mayor Brewer read the Resolution.

Mrs. Monroe thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening. The visitors shared many painful stories over the past several meetings and she is very happy that this version of the Resolution passed. Mrs. Monroe will always support those who are under-represented, under-appreciated, marginalized and abused.

Her plan is to initiate a working group that quickly transitions into an official advisory board of the City that addresses these issues.

Mr. Shope thanked everyone for attending the meeting this weekend. He told the visitors that the process took a while because City Council wanted to make sure that a very good Resolution was developed. He believes that City Council had the best intention all along and it was time to do the right thing. We need to look to Jesus as an example of how to treat one another.

Ms. Wyatt thanked everyone for their contributions to this process, she has learned a lot. She also supports an official advisory board and would like to collaborate with the school district to see what they have accomplished. It is time to move forward, she wants to change the perception that Lebanon is a racist town.

Mr. Shafer thanked everyone and although this Resolution may not be perfect he is pleased that City Council could agree on a Resolution that Ms. Kimberlin supports. He thanked City Council for working together.

Mr. Mathews thanked all of the community members for their contributions. This Resolution originated in the community and has been a powerful process. He believes that the human race is a single family working together in true communion and any forms of racism and discrimination must be eradicated.

Vice Mayor Messer stated that the words in this Resolution represents the heartbeat of City Council and they will push forward and live up to their calling. He thanked everyone who bravely appeared before City Council to share their painful stories, this process has kept him up at night and he is ready to move forward with a unanimous Council.

Mayor Brewer appreciates the hard work that City Council and the community put into this Resolution. She respects the positive communication that occurred during this process.

Ordinance 2020-080 An Ordinance To Approve The Record Plan For The Final Plat Of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Plat And Declaring An Emergency was read in title only by Mr. Yurick. Mr. Brunka stated that this legislation will approve the final plat for the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church combing four lots into one 0.61 acre buildable lot. A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-080 was made by Mr. Shope, seconded by Mrs. Monroe. Roll call vote was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2020-081 An Ordinance To Approve The Record Plan For The Final Plat Of Avalon Heights Section 4 And Declaring An Emergency was read in title only by Mr. Yurick. Mr. Brunka stated that this legislation will approve the final plat for Avalon Heights Section 4 subdividing two lots into three buildable lots. A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-081 was made by Vice Mayor Messer, seconded by Mrs. Monroe. Roll call vote was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2020-082 An Ordinance To Approve The Record Plan For The Final Plat Of Northside Subdivision, Section 2, Replat Of Lot 8099, And Declaring An Emergency was read in title only by Mr. Yurick. Mr. Brunka stated that this legislation will approve the final plat for Northside Subdivision, Section 2 dividing one 10.12 acre lot into two buildable lots. A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-082 was made by Ms. Wyatt, seconded by Mrs. Monroe. Roll call vote was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2020-083 An Ordinance To Approve The Record Plan For The Final Plat Of Traditions Of Lebanon And Declaring An Emergency was read in title only by Mr. Yurick. Mr. Brunka stated that this legislation will approve the final plat for Traditions of Lebanon establishing easements and right- of-way dedication for the assisted living development. A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-083 was made by Mr. Shope, seconded by Mrs. Monroe. Roll call vote was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2020-084 An Ordinance To Approve The Record Plan For The Final Plat Of Lebanon Public Safety Campus And Declaring An Emergency was read in title only by Mr. Yurick. Mr. Brunka stated that this

legislation will approve the final plat for the Lebanon Public Safety Campus establishing easements and right-of-way dedication for the new Lebanon Fire Station 41. A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-084 was made by Mr. Shafer, seconded by Mr. Shope. Roll call vote was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2020-085 An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Two Pumps For The Glosser Road Flow Equalization Basin And Declaring An Emergency was read in title only by Mr. Yurick. Mr. Brunka stated that this legislation will approve the purchase of two 6" portable pumps from Thompson Pump Company in the amount of $83,213 to be used at the Glosser Road Sanitary Sewer Pump Station and Flow Equalization Basin. A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-085 was made by Ms. Wyatt, seconded by Vice Mayor Messer. Roll call vote was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2020-086 An Ordinance Authorizing The Vacation Of Right-Of-Way For A Section Of Justice Drive And Declaring An Emergency was read in title only by Mr. Yurick. Mr. Brunka stated that this legislation will approve the right-of-way vacation plat for a section of Justice Drive that was rerouted to support the construction of the new Warren County jail. A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-086 was made by Ms. Wyatt, seconded by Mr. Shafer. Roll call vote was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2020-087 A Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance And Declaring An Emergency was read in title only by Mr. Yurick. Mr. Brunka stated that this legislation will approve a Supplemental Appropriation for the Coronavirus CARES Act Funding. A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-087 was made by Vice Mayor Messer, seconded by Mr. Mathews. Roll call vote was approved unanimously.

General Discussion Topics

City Manager's Report
The next meeting of City Council is a work session on Monday, August 17 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The paving of Monroe Road will begin tomorrow. Mr. Brunka stated that it is difficult for the staff to set-up everything for the weekend Mulberry Street closure on the weekend when a Third Friday event is scheduled. Employees were working beyond 3:00 a.m. after the June Third Friday event. Mayor Brewer asked if Mr. Brunka could close a small area of the street in front of Doc's and a small area of the street in front of Greenhouse Cafe instead. Mr. Brunka confirmed that those road closures are fine. Mrs. Monroe believes that there has been a communication problem regarding the weekend Mulberry Street closure and she asked if the plan was still to reopen Mulberry Street to auto traffic beginning with the final weekend of August. She stated that it is very stressful to run a small business and it is frustrating when decisions beyond your control have a negative impact on your business. Ms. Wyatt has received a complaint about the on-street handicap parking availability.

Mrs. Monroe asked Mr. Brunka what the best way was to notify the Mulberry Street businesses of this change. Mr. Brunka will notify the businesses directly. Ms. Wyatt congratulated Georgetta Sims for her trailblazing career in the Warren County Sheriff's office. Mr. Shafer spoke with some construction workers recently and they told him that the City's construction standards are excellent. Mr. Mathews visited the Lebanon Boosters recently and he thanked them for their contributions to the community. Mayor Brewer thanked all of the visitors for attending the meeting and welcomed them to attend in the future.

There being no further business to come before this Council a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Shope, seconded by Mr. Mathews. Roll call vote was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Passed: September 8, 2020

Maya A Brewer
Mayor

Jamil Burke
Clerk