



Minutes for the Lebanon City Council Meeting
October 12, 2021
7:00 p.m. 50 S. Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio

Council of the City of Lebanon met in regular session in the Council Chambers at the City Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 12, 2021, with the following members present: Mayor Brewer, Vice Mayor Messer, Mr. Cope, Mr. Mathews, Mrs. Monroe, Mr. Shafer and Mr. Shope. Present from the City Staff was Manager Scott Brunka, Attorney Mark Yurick, and Clerk / Auditor Dan Burke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Lebanon High School Junior R.O.T.C. Mr. Mathews gave the invocation.

Consideration of Regular Meeting Minutes: September 28, 2021

Mrs. Monroe made a motion to adopt the minutes, seconded by Mr. Cope. Roll call vote was approved 6-0 with Vice Mayor Messer abstaining.

Consideration of the Work Session Minutes: October 5, 2021.

Mr. Mathews made a motion to adopt the minutes, seconded by Mr. Shope. Roll call vote was approved unanimously.

Mayor Brewer thanked the high school color guard.

Non-resident Veronica Strevel stated that she is a veteran who served in Afghanistan. She attended the Purple Heart ceremony this evening. Many of her family members have served in the military. She stated that the return from Afghanistan was difficult, and she relied on Planned Parenthood for health care. She stated that negative comments about Planned Parenthood stigmatize women. She stated that she believes various comments from City Council have negated her military service. She wants City Council to realize that female veterans need medical care and bodily autonomy. She feels completely disrespected by everyone on City Council.

Resident Zach Bowles thanked City Council for everything they are doing.

Josh Beckman thanked City Council for everything they are doing. He appreciates that City Council listens to everyone's opinions.

Recognition of Visitors

New Business:

Ordinance 2021-096 – Approving a new bargaining unit agreement with AFSCME for the streets, parks, and auto maintenance division employees and Declaring an Emergency was read in title only by Mr. Yurick. Mr. Brunka stated that this ordinance accepts the collective bargaining agreement with AFSCME effective through December 31, 2023, which includes non-wage related amendments to the agreement. Vice Mayor Messer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-096, seconded by Mr. Shafer. Roll call vote was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2021-097 – Approving an economic development agreement with EPC, Inc. to support the expansion of their facility at 315 S. West St. and Declaring an Emergency was read in title only by Mr. Yurick. Mr. Brunka stated that this ordinance approves an economic development agreement with EPC-Columbia, LLC in support of their expansion resulting in retention of current jobs and new employment opportunities within the city. Mr. Mathews made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-097, seconded by Mr. Cope. In response to a question from Mr. Shafer, Mr. Brunka confirmed that the incentives sunset in 5 years. Roll call vote was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2021-098 – Approving the final plat for Autumn Ridge Section 2-A creating 15 single family residential lots and Declaring an Emergency was read in title only by Mr. Yurick. Mr. Brunka stated that this ordinance approves the final plat of Autumn Ridge, Section 2-A as recommended by the Planning Commission which will create 15 single family residential lots. Mr. Mathews made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-098, seconded by Vice Mayor Messer. Roll call vote was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2021-099 – Authorizing a change order to the New St. Reconstruction Project adding the replacement of a section of water main on N. Broadway Ave. to the project and Declaring an Emergency was read in title only by Mr. Yurick. Mr. Brunka stated that this ordinance authorizes a change order for additional water main replacement on North Broadway due to its age and poor condition. Work can be performed with currently budgeted funds and will be incorporated into the New Street construction project. The cost is estimated at \$320,000. Mrs. Monroe made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-099, seconded by Mr. Shafer. Roll call vote was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2021-100 – Establishing the charging rate for the City’s EV charging station was read in title only by Mr. Yurick. Mr. Brunka stated that this ordinance establishes the rates for the City’s new electric vehicle charging stations located in the parking lot at the corner of Sycamore and Main Streets. Mr. Shafer made a motion for a first reading of Ordinance 2021-100, seconded by Mr. Mathews.

Ordinance 2021-101 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Amendment to the Master Service Agreement with American Municipal Power (AMP) to allow the city to participate in the 2022 EcoSmart Choice Program was read in title only by Mr. Yurick. Mr. Brunka stated that this ordinance authorizes the city to participate in the American Municipal Power’s 2022 EcoSmart program, a free, voluntary green-pricing program available to AMP member municipal electric utilities which helps stimulate renewable energy project development. Vice Mayor Messer made a motion for a first reading of Ordinance 2021-101, seconded by Mr. Shope.

General Discussion Topics

City Manager’s Report


The next meeting of City Council is a work session at 7:00 p.m. on October 18 in Council Chambers. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Fire Station is planned for November 18 at 10:00 a.m. The commercial buildings at 511 N. Broadway should begin construction later this month. Grant funding for rail bridge 4.0 will be requested in the State Capital Budget program. Mr. Brunka is also recommending that City Council consider submitting a second grant project to expand the city-owned parking lot next to the Lebanon Theatre Company. In response to a question from Mr. Cope, Mr. Brunka stated that applying for two grants should not diminish the chances of either project being accepted for funding. The railroad bridge is the city’s top priority. City Council agreed to proceed with both requests.

Mr. Shafer stated that the Lebanon Youth Football program begins playoffs this weekend. He thanked Mr. Mathews for his work on the Purple Heart City program. The red doors on the new fire house look great and seeing projects progress throughout the city is exciting. Mr. Shope recognized that there is anger in the city,

country and world. It is important that everyone try to understand all perspectives and pray for peace. Mr. Mathews thanked the Chamber of Commerce for a great awards program and congratulated Mayor Brewer for her Chamber award recognition. The new Warren County Jail was recently completed on time and under budget. The Warren County Foundation is recognizing Sheriff Sims for his accomplishments. Mr. Mathews thanked everyone who assisted with the Purple Heart City program. The Kiwanis 5k run and pancake breakfast are scheduled this weekend. Halloween is scheduled from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. rain or shine on October 31. The merchants trick-or-treat event is scheduled throughout the day on October 30. Mrs. Monroe stated that the next “Girls Night Out” event is scheduled on Saturday, November 13 from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in downtown Lebanon. There will be several discounts and prizes for participants. Mayor Brewer thanked Parks & Recreation Director Casey Burdick and all the volunteers for coordinating an excellent Lebanon Oktoberfest. Mayor Brewer will continue to follow the Rules of Council and abusive behavior from visitors will not continue in Council Chambers.

There being no further business to come before this Council a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Mathews, seconded by Mr. Shafer. Roll call vote was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Passed: October 26, 2021



Mayor



Clerk