



MINUTES OF: LEBANON CITY COUNCIL

Date: NOVEMBER 11, 2014

Council of the City of Lebanon met in regular session on November 11, 2014 in the Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present; Messrs: Norris, Dearie, Rodriguez, Messer, Kaiser, Mrs. Monroe and Mayor Brewer. Also present was City Manager, Pat Clements, City Auditor, Sharee' Dick, City Attorney, Mark Yurick and Deputy City Manager, Scott Brunka.

The JROTC Color Guard presented the Colors and everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Mr. Norris.

At this time Mayor Brewer asked for consideration of Council minutes for the October 28th work session. Motion to adopt the minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Dearie seconded by Mr. Messer. Roll call vote to adopt was unanimous in favor. Motion to adopt the November 5th regular meeting was made by Mr. Dearie seconded by Mr. Messer. Roll call vote to adopt was as follows: Mr. Kaiser, yes; Mr. Norris, abstained; Mrs. Monroe, yes; Mayor Brewer, yes; Mr. Messer, abstained; Mr. Dearie, yes; Mr. Rodriguez, yes.

Mayor Brewer presented a certificate of appreciation to Jane Davis of the Lebanon Oktoberfest Committee. Ms. Davis gave the members of the Recreation Board metals of appreciation for their hard work on the event.

Ty and India Ball spoke to Council about their new business on Cincinnati Ave. named Studio B, an Art and painting studio that will be offering adult and children painting classes.

Janis Skraucevs of 663 Carson Dr. spoke to Council about his concerns regarding the percentage of homeowners verses rentals in the City.

Ordinance No. 2014-088 An Ordinance amending Section 911.02 of the Codified Ordinances providing for Water Use Charges was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve a 6% increase in water service rates effective January 1, 2015, as outlined in the 2008 Water Rate Study. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-088 was made by Mr. Messer seconded by Mrs. Monroe. After a brief discussion roll call vote to adopt was as follows: Mr. Dearie, yes; Mr. Rodriguez, no; Mr. Kaiser, no; Mrs. Monroe, yes; Mayor Brewer, yes; Mr. Messer, yes; Mr. Norris, yes.

Ordinance No. 2014-089 An Ordinance amending Section 913.03 of the Codified Ordinances relating to Sanitary Sewer Use Charges was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve a 5% increase in sanitary sewer use rates effective January 1, 2015, as outlined in the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-089 was made by Mr. Messer seconded by Mr. Dearie. Roll call vote to adopt was as follows: unanimous in favor. Mr. Dearie, yes; Mr. Rodriguez, no; Mr. Kaiser, yes; Mrs. Monroe, yes; Mayor Brewer, yes; Mr. Messer, yes; Mr. Norris, yes.

Ordinance No. 2014-090 An Ordinance to make final Appropriations for current Expenses and other Expenditures of the City of Lebanon, State of Ohio, during Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2015 was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve the Proposed 2015 Operating Budget for the City of Lebanon. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Mr. Norris seconded by Mr. Messer made motion for this legislation to receive a first reading.

Ordinance No. 2014-091 An Ordinance authorizing the Transfers and Reimbursements established by the 2015 Budget was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve the inter-fund transfers contained in the Proposed 2015 Operating Budget for the City of Lebanon. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Mr. Norris seconded by Mr. Messer made motion for this legislation to receive a first reading.

Ordinance No. 2014-092 An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement with Let It Grow, LLC was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve a 2-year contract with Let It Grow, LLC to provide bush hog mowing services at an annual cost of \$23,000. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Mr. Norris seconded by Mr. Messer made motion for this legislation to receive a first reading.

Ordinance No. 2014-093 An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement with Let It Grow, LLC was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve a 2-year contract with Let It Grow, LLC to provide mowing and landscaping services in the City's downtown area at an annual cost of \$19,000. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Mr. Dearie seconded by Mr. Kaiser made motion for this legislation to receive a first reading.

Ordinance No. 2014-094 An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement with Let It Grow, LLC was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve a 2-year agreement with Let It Grow, LLC to provide mowing and landscaping services to various City owned facilities at an annual cost of \$24,000. Mr. Kaiser seconded by Mr. Norris made motion for this legislation to receive a first reading.

Mayor Brewer asked for the City Manager's report. Mr. Clements advised the next work session would be Nov. 17th, the next regular meeting would be Nov. 25th and Planning Commission would be Nov. 18th. He reminded everyone City Offices would be closed Nov. 28th and 29th for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

Mr. Kaiser said there were several wonderful Veterans Day events in the community he had attended with some good speakers. He stated that the events this year were very moving.

Mr. Rodriguez said that the people that serve our Country should be honored because they are our real heroes. He asked Mr. Grever to speak to Council regarding his involvement with the

Library of Congress's histories of veterans. Mr. Grever spoke to Council regarding the program. Mr. Rodriguez asked Council to consider televising work sessions. He said he felt that a fellow councilmember had changed their vote on a property purchase due to the meeting not being televised. He advised that in the interest of transparency he would like Council to discuss televising meetings further.

Mrs. Monroe said that she had witnessed many times random acts of thankfulness to our veterans and that it always is appreciated. She noticed that the Color guard this evening were very young and that was wonderful to see. She thanked Jane Davis and said that she was glad the Oktoberfest fund raiser went well. She commented on Mr. Rodriguez's statement regarding a changed vote and she said she felt the meeting not being televised had nothing to do with it, it was simply additional information that had been provided.

Mr. Messer thanked Mr. Grever for his involvement with the veterans programs. He thanked Jane Davis and the Recreation board. He stated he had changed his vote on the Colony Square land due to the additional information that had been provided and that he did not regret changing his vote.

Mr. Norris said there were great veterans' events in the community today. He talked about the schools participating in the "American White Table" tradition that has been practiced for over 30 years in honor of our lost veterans.

Mayor Brewer talked about the Racino's Veterans Day event. She said it was the Concerned Veterans of Americas event and that she had never felt so moved or inspired by an event. She said that it was simply incredible.

Motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss the legal matters was made by Mr. Norris seconded by Mr. Messer. Roll call vote to adjourn was unanimous in favor. Council adjourned into executive session at 7:50 p.m.

Motion to adjourn from executive session and reconvene the meeting was made by Mr. Norris seconded by Mr. Messer. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor. Council reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

There being no further business to come before this Council motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Norris seconded by Mr. Messer. Roll call vote to adjourn was unanimous in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Passed:

Mayor

Clerk