



MINUTES OF: LEBANON CITY COUNCIL

Date: JUNE 23, 2015

Council of the City of Lebanon met in regular session on June 23, 2015 in the Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present; Messrs: Norris, Dearie, Kaiser, Messer, Rodriguez, 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 invocation was given by Mr. Norris. Mayor Brewer asked everyone to remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time Mayor Brewer asked for the consideration of Council minutes for the June 9th regular meeting. Motion to adopt the minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Norris seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. Roll call vote to adopt was as submitted was unanimous in favor. Motion to adopt the June 15th work session minutes was made by Mr. Kaiser seconded by Mr. Dearie. Roll call vote to adopt the minutes was as follows: Mr. Norris, yes; Mr. Dearie, yes; Mr. Kaiser, yes; Mayor Brewer, abstained; Mrs. Monroe, yes; Mr. Messer, abstained, Mr. Rodriguez, yes.

Bill Childers and Debbie Stevens thanked Council and staff for their support of the Independence Day Parade.

Ordinance No. 2015-065 An Ordinance approving the donation of the City-Owned property at 14 West Silver Street to support the Silver Street and Broadway Avenue Redevelopment Project and declaring an emergency was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve the transfer of ownership of the City-owned property at 14 West Silver Street to Bunnell Hill Development Co., which is acting on behalf of Lebanon Citizen's National Bank, to support the Broadway Avenue-Silver Street Redevelopment Project. This project includes the construction of a new 45,000 square foot office building and parking lot to support the expansion of LCNB's presence in the City's Central Business District. The transfer of this property will be contingent upon the Ohio Development Services Agency's approval of grant funding from the Racetrack Redevelopment Fund that has been established by the State to promote economic development to offset the City's loss of tax revenue due to the relocation of the racetrack. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-065 was made by Mr. Messer seconded by Mrs. Monroe. Mrs. Monroe voiced her support of this project and Mr. Rodriguez stated the only reason he was voting no was due to the emergency language. Roll call vote to adopt was as follows: Mr. Rodriguez, no; Mrs. Monroe, yes; Mr. Norris, recued; Mayor Brewer, yes; Mr. Messer, yes; Mr. Dearie, yes; Mr. Kaiser, recued. This legislation will be effective in 30 days.

Ordinance No. 2015-066 An Ordinance amending Chapter 911.02 of the Codified Ordinances providing for Water Use Charges was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve an increase in water rates of 8.3% effective August 1, 2015 and an increase of 6% effective January 1, 2016, as recommended by the 2015 Water Rate Study. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-066 was made by Mr. Norris seconded by Mr. Messer. Council had a lengthy discussion regarding the rate increase. Roll call vote to adopt was as follows: Mr. Norris, yes; Mrs. Monroe, yes; Mr. Kaiser, yes; Mr. Dearie, yes; Mr. Rodriguez, no; Mr. Messer, yes; Mayor Brewer, yes.

Ordinance No. 2015-068 An Ordinance repealing Chapter 723 of the Codified Ordinances relating to Horsedrawn Vehicles was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve repealing the Horsedrawn Vehicle Regulations from the City's Codified Ordinances. Mr. Yurick explained the legislation. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-068 was made by Mr. Kaiser seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. Roll call vote to adopt was unanimous in favor.

Ordinance No. 2015-069 An Ordinance amending Chapter 133 of the Codified Ordinances providing for Employment Provisions was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve the addition of the Firefighter/EMT Grade 2 and the Firefighter/Paramedic Grade 3 positions to the list of approved staff positions provided for in Section 133.02 of the Codified Ordinances. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-069 was made by Mr. Dearie seconded by Mr. Norris. Roll call vote to adopt was unanimous in favor.

Ordinance No. 2015-071 An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement with Terra Firma DD, LLC for the sale of 27.3 acres of City-Owned Property was read title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve the sale of a 27.3 acre portion of the Towne Property, located at 3390 U.S. Route 42, to Terra Firma DD, LLC at a price of \$513,000. Proceeds from this sale will be returned to the Water Fund which was the original source of the funds used to purchase the property in 1998 for development of water wells. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-071 was made by Mr. Messer seconded by Mr. Norris. Mr. Kaiser motioned to postpone this legislation until the rezoning of the Rapp farm was resolved seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. Council had a brief discussion about the legislation. Roll call vote to postpone was as follows: Mayor Brewer, no; Mr. Kaiser, yes; Mr. Norris, no; Mr. Dearie, no; Mr. Rodriguez, yes; Mrs. Monroe, no; Mr. Messer, no. Motion to postpone failed. Motion to adopt is on the floor and was as follows: Mayor Brewer, yes; Mr. Kaiser, no; Mr. Norris, yes; Mr. Dearie, yes; Mr. Rodriguez, no; Mrs. Monroe, yes; Mr. Messer, yes.

Ordinance No. 2015-073 An Ordinance adopting the City of Lebanon Pay Plan was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve the 2016 City Pay Plan which includes a 1.25% across the board pay plan increase and performance based pay allowances equivalent to 1.25% of each department's aggregate base pay expenses which will be allocated to staff members based on the results of the annual performance review process. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Mr. Norris seconded by Mr. Messer made motion for this legislation to receive a first reading.

Resolution No. 2015-074 A Resolution adopting the Tax Budget of the City of Lebanon, Ohio for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2016 and submitting same to the County Auditor was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve the 2016 Tax Budget for submission to the Warren County Auditor. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-074 was made by Mr. Norris seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. Roll call vote to adopt was unanimous in favor.

Ordinance No. 2015-075 An Ordinance approving the 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Lebanon, Ohio was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve the proposed 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Lebanon. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Mr. Kaiser seconded by Mr. Rodriguez made motion for this legislation to receive a first reading.

Resolution No. 2015-076 A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to prepare and submit final Grant applications to the Ohio Public Works Commission and to execute contracts as required was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve the final OPWC Grant Application for the North East Street Reconstruction Project. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-076 was made by Mr. Dearie seconded by Mr. Kaiser. Roll call vote to adopt was unanimous in favor.

Resolution No. 2015-077 A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to prepare and submit final Grant applications to the Ohio Public Works Commission and to execute contracts as required was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve the final OPWC Grant Application for the Bypass 48 Repaving Phase I Project. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-077 was made by Mr. Dearie seconded by Mr. Norris. Roll call vote to adopt was unanimous in favor.

Mayor Brewer asked for the City Manager's report. Mr. Clements reminded everyone there were no meetings of Council next week, Planning Commission would be June 30th and the next work session would be July 7th. He advised the Independence Day parade would be Friday, July 3rd with the celebration at Colonial Park West starting at 6 p.m.

Mr. Kaiser said the 3rd Friday on Mulberry was a good event. He asked everyone to enjoy the upcoming July 4th events.

Mr. Rodriguez said the weather did turn out great to the Country Music festival and he thanked Mr. Norris and everyone involved in the 5k run that benefited scholarships. He said he had read an article on the Cincinnati Police and Fire departments doing a mock battle for a benefit and he thought it warranted further discussion.

Mr. Norris thanked all the people who volunteer for all the local events. He reminded everyone that the Lebanon Library had its summer reading program going on and that there were also many vacation bible schools as well.

Mrs. Monroe said she loved the Parade theme this year, Land of the free and home of the brave. She advised there was a great youth track program available for 6 to 7 year olds. Mayor Brewer said there were many events happening in the community right now and she encouraged everyone to participate.

There being no further business to come before this Council motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Rodriguez seconded by Mr. Norris. Roll call vote to adjourn was unanimous in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Passed:

Mayor

Clerk