

LEBANON CITY COUNCIL
September 11, 2017

The council met in regular session in the council chambers with Mayor Wilkins presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Diliberto, Gale, Gerdes, Jenkins, Mack, Wright – present.

Mayor Wilken requested a moment of silence for the victims of September 11, 2001.

Mayor Wilkin led the council and assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Aldermen Bartholomew/Gale MOTIONED to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Roll Call: Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Diliberto, Gale, Jenkins, Mack, Wright – yeas. Motion carried.

The first act of business was for the City Clerk to administer the “oath of patrolman” to Officer Tony Tomlinson with family, friends and supporters in attendance A praising endorsement was made by Chief Roth, and then Tony made a few statements on his anticipated employment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Street/Alley – MEET September 18th at 7:00 p.m.

1. After getting all pertinent information from Pete Schumacher a MOTION was made by Aldermen Gerdes/Bartholomew to grant a request from the Knights of Columbus to hold their 49th Annual Candy Day at the intersection of Hwy 4 and 50 on Sep 15th from 6:30 a.m. till dusk and on Sep 16th from 7:15 p.m. until dusk.
Roll Call: Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Diliberto, Gale, Gerdes, Jenkins, Mack, Wright – yeas. MOTION carried. 6-0
1. Committee reported that sidewalk project was progressing according to plan.

Health/Safety –

1. Trifold is in the final stages of being edited.
2. Electronic pickup event scheduled for Nov 4th is in final stages of organization.
3. Placement of flashing red lights on stops signs at Hwy 4 and 50 was discussed to help eliminate accidents. It was concluded that the mayor contact IDOT to see if it was allowed and who would pay since that intersection is scheduled for stop lights in the future.

Ordinance – MEET September 18th at 7:00 p.m.

1. The review of the final draft of the codification of ordinances should be accomplished by Alderman Gerdes within the next week in plenty of time to get back to MCC.

Water/Sewer –

1. Committee RECOMMENDS creating an ordinance for summer sewer deduction of excess water usage for the months of May, June, July and August of the year and must be requested before the end of September of said year. After much discussion, the above recommendation was voted upon.
2. Roll Call: Aldermen Diliberto, and Gale – yeas. Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Gerdes, Jenkins, Mack, Wright- Nays RECOMMEDATION fails 2-6
1. Aldermen Bartholomew/Gerdes made a MOTION to replace the pump at the McKendree Lift station at a cost of \$3688.00.
Roll Call: Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Diliberto, Gale, Gerdes, Jenkins, Mack, Wright – yeas. MOTION carried. 6-0
2. Discussion as to repair/replace the old Water/Sewer 2006 Ford truck or trade-in said truck in on the approved truck purchase or put out for sealed bids the purchase of said truck.
Aldermen Bartholomew/Gale made a MOTION to seek sealed bids for the 2006 Ford Truck.
Roll Call: Aldermen Almeter, Bartholomew, Diliberto, Gale, Jenkins, Mack, Wright – yeas.
Motion carried.

Cemetery – MEET September 18th at 7:00 p.m.

1. No Report on Cemetery
2. Alderman Wright presented some information that concerned the trash/recycling/yard waste schedule. Although it was not an official contact, she stated that recycle pick up will be on the same day as a customer's trash day instead of Tuesdays. The alternating week schedule for recycle pickup will remain in effect. The yard waste pick on Fridays will stay the same.

Finance –

1. It was presented in committee that Superintendent McNeese would like to continue the budget of a truck payment after the final payment is made on the latest truck purchase. He presented a vast amount of information concerning many options that could be on the new truck. Alderman Jenkins wants the council to be aware of this request.

Public Property – MEET September 16th at 7:00 p.m.

1. Alderman Almeter presented Attorney John Long with information concerning the sale of public property. He handed out information on regulations of the state on how sales may be conducted. After a long discussion, it seemed that the summary is that we do our sales by resolution if we fall into compliance with Illinois state regulations.

Personnel –

1. Computer systems evaluation of city computers and law enforcement systems was accomplished. Bid under evaluation.
2. Initial AFCME meeting was held 24 Aug. AFCME presented their initial non-economic agreement to city council representative. Being evaluated currently.
3. Personnel handbook review still on hold pending results of #2.
4. Plans are being formulated to hold a town hall meeting for Ward 1 residents. Should be done October time frame in coordination with the Methodist Church as the place of attendance. Notice will be placed in local paper.

Clerk –

1. Fees are still being reviewed.
2. 1408 Ordinance has been placed in paper.
3. Notice for demolition bids for 503/505 S Herman will be put into the paper.

Treasurer –

1. Treasurer Grob stressed the need to limit spending because the audit indicated that spending outweighs income by almost \$200,000.

Mayor –

1. Mayor postponed finance discussion and realignment of budget because of time restraints until next meeting.
2. Mayor announced that a company is interested in developing a new grocery store in town.
3. The property at 201 S Herman has a contract on it for back taxes and his plans are to develop it into a residence

Dept. Heads

1. Chief Roth – no report
2. Superintendent McNeese – absent
3. Superintendent Pinkstaff – reported under Water/Sewer

Audience –

1. Ed Brockhan asked about the start date on Harmon Drive project. Superintendent Penny stated she has a construction meeting on Thurs September the 14th.
2. An audience member wanted to clarify why she didn't stand for the Pledge. She stated that she has medical reasons and wanted to convey she has personal respect for the flag and this country.

Unfinished Business –

1. Personnel manual was covered under Personnel
2. No update of sewer plant
3. Committee stated that retainer fees have been clarified.

New Business –

With no further business to be conducted, Aldermen Wright/Bartholomew moved to adjourn the meeting. Hand vote to approve – 8 yeas. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Luanne B Holper,
City Clerk