**LEBANON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**October 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**

**The council met in regular session at city hall was called to order 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Wright.**

**Roll Call:** **Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington and Witty – present**

**Alderperson Wilkins – absent**

**Alderperson Fero/Bennett Motioned to approve the omnibus agenda, which included the agenda, approval of the bills and minutes from 9/11/2023 council meeting.**

**Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington and Witty – Yes**

**MOTION passed 7-0**

**Audience –**

**1. Mary Wilkens raised a question about the “five-minute speaking” rule for audience and**

**alderperson comment time. She asked who requested the drafting of the document.**

**Alderperson Washington said she did because too much time is being spent in the comment**

**section. This is technically not how audience participation takes place under the OMA.**

**2. Barb Cioni asked about the maintenance/repairs of the streetlights and general downtown.**

**She stated that tax money needs to be used uptown for maintenance.**

**3. Ron Trame commented on the power of the town is in the council. He said he thought the**

**council was good.**

**Alderperson –**

**1. Alderperson Witty stated the chair of the ordinance committee didn’t know about the 3 to 5**

**minutes rule.**

**2. Alderperson Washington raised the concern about dogs at large at 428 E Schuetz St and Plum.**

**If there are dogs running at large you must call the police to register a call. City hall can write a**

**letter but the police must write citations for violations.**

**3. Alderperson Fero asked that people be courteous to inform the committee chair.**

**4. Alderperson Branch, Davis and Trinka agreed with Alderperson Fero**

**5. General discussion of the website and upgrading it.**

**PLAN COMMISSION: No report**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets/Alleys –** **MEET** **November 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**

**1. Committee recommended bidding out the mowing in the cemetery.**

**Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington and Witty – Yes**

**MOTION passed 7-0**

**Finance** **–** **MEET September 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Ordinance – MEET November 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**

**1. Committee recommended approval of the *ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LEBANON CODE,***

***CHAPTER – 4 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, DIVISION 2 – RETAIL LICENSES, TO INCLUDE SECTION 4-59 – ON THE***

***RECORD APPEAL FOR ALL LIQUOR LICENSE SUSPENSIONS, REVOCATIONS, NON-RENEWALS, AND FINES.***

**Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington and Witty – Yes**

**RECOMMENDATION passed 7-0**

**2. Committee recommended the approval of the *ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LEBANON CODE,***

***CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II, CITY COUNCIL, AND ADDING SECTION 2-66 – MAXIMUM OF FIVE***

***MINUTES FOR EACH SPEAKER DURING PUBLIC COMMENT OF OPEN MEETINGS FOR THE CITY.* Alderperson Fero/Witty Motioned to amend the ordinance with the written notes of Alderperson Fero.**

**Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington and Witty – Yes**

**Alderperson Branch abstained**

**MOTION passed 6-0**

**Alderperson Fero/Witty Motioned to approve the Ordinance with the corrections.**

**Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington and Witty – Yes**

**MOTION passed 7-0**

**3. Committee recommended the approval of the *ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO***

***THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS THE QUESTION WHETHER THE CITY OF***

***LEBANON SHOULD HAVE THE AUTHORITY UNDER PUBLIC ACT 096-0176TO ARRANGE FOR THE SUPPLY OF***

***ELECTRICITY FOR THE RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL COMMERCIAL RETAIL CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF LEBANON***

***WHO HAVE NOT OPTED OUT OF SUCH PROGRAM.***

**Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington and Witty – Yes**

**RECOMMENDATION passed 7-0**

**4. Present/approve the *ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 – TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ARTICLE IV. –***

***STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING, SECTION 32-169. – PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PLACES*.**

**Alderperson Fero/Witty Motioned to approve the ordinance.**

**Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington and Witty – Yes**

**MOTION passed 7-0**

**Water/Sewer – MEET September 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Cemetery – MEET November 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Health/Safety – MEET September 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Public Property – MEET November 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Personnel – MEET September 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Clerk –**

**Treasurer –**

**Mayor –**

**1. The Mayor requested approval of the nomination of Jeff Harris to the Zoning Board of Appeals.**

**Alderperson Fero/Witty Motioned to approve the appointment of Jeff Harris to the Zoning Board**

**of Appeals.**

**Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington and Witty – Yes**

**MOTION passed 7-0**

**2. The Mayor recommended Alderperson Charles Witty as Pro Tem during the period of Oct 15th**

**through October 18th, as she will be out of town. Alderperson Fero/Davis Motioned to approve**

**the appointment of Charles Witty to Mayor Pro Tem.**

**Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington and Witty – Yes**

**MOTION passed 7-0**

**Dept. Heads**

**Chief – Water/Sewer – Streets/Alleys – Accountant –**

**Unfinished Business –**

**1. Victorian Holidays would like to amend the street closure for Saturday November 18th.**

**AJ Dontigney stated to amend the street and parking lots closure request to include all**

**day Saturday. West St Louis St from Madison to Monroe will be closed. Alderperson Fero/Witty**

**Motioned to approve the requested closure request starting at 9 am and continuing to 9 pm.**

**Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington and Witty – Yes**

**MOTION passed 7-0**

**New Business –**

**1. There is preliminary work being done on a revised personal manual.**

**Adjournment – With no further business to be conducted, Aldermen Fero/Davis Motioned to adjourn**

**the meeting p.m. by voice vote. MOTION passed by voice. All were in favor.**