

## **LEBANON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**October 23, 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 Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington, Wilkens and Witty – present  
Alderperson Bennett – Absent

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor read a Rotary Proclamation declaring October 24<sup>th</sup> as World Polio Day in Lebanon, Illinois

Alderperson Fero/Davis Motioned to approve the omnibus agenda with a correction to the Minutes of Oct 9. to change the word personal to personnel.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – Yes  
MOTION passed 7-0

### **Audience –**

1. John Wright reported on the decorating of the uptown and the Four-Square Park. Refurbishing the lanterns with new flicker lights and garlands. They have replaced all the receptacles for the globe streetlight.
2. Debbie Trame stated that the zip tying of chairs to the benches on the brick street.
3. Ron Trame stated that the signage on the electronic signs. He stated that anything is allowed unless there is an ordinance stating you can't.
4. Sean Belkey addressed the subject of flags and flagpoles.
5. RJ Smith brought up the crosswalk near the church that needs to be painted, flashing or
6. Mary Wilken wants to know when the flagpole and flags will be discussed. Also, when questions will be answered. Alderpersons may answer questions during the next section which is for the alderpersons statements and responses.

### **Alderperson (Ald.) –**

1. Ald. Fero stated that the city requested a method to monitor our meetings. That topic is being researched and will be presented at a later date.
2. Ald. Washington addressed Superintendent Terry about the discarding of limbs from the city work trucks. If that happens please contact the city hall with the details.
3. Ald. Wilkins addressed the topic of chairs on the sidewalks. The sidewalks are public property and don't belong to the owners of the buildings. The city will contact the people of interest.
4. Ald. Trinka brought up the concerns of some citizens that are
5. Ald. Davis stated that some areas of the southeast area of town are very dark. He will get prices for the installation and then get prices of the cost to run the lights.

**PLAN COMMISSION: No report**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

1. Alderperson Davis/Fero Motioned to approve of Lebanon School District #9 usage of the following streets for the 2023 Homecoming Parade on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Parade will start at 2:00. There is a stated parade route of Monroe north to St Louis east to Pearl St south to Schuetz and back to high school.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – Yes  
MOTION passed 7-0

**Finance – MEET November 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**

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

**Water/Sewer – MEET November 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**

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

**Health/Safety – MEET November 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**

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

**Personnel – MEET November 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Clerk –**

**Treasurer –**

1. Committee recommends approval of a 4.75 % increase in the tax levy and to move forward with the writing of a resolution approving said increase. Alderperson Fero/Witty Motioned to move forward with writing the Tax Levy Resolution for 4.75 % to be voted on at the November 13<sup>th</sup>, then sit on counter for 20 days minimum, then the Tax Ordinance will be voted on at the December 11<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Fero, Trinka, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – Yes  
Alderperson Davis – Neas  
Alderperson Trinka – Abstain  
MOTION passed 5-1-1

**Mayor –**

1. The mayor requested a motion for announcement of Trick or Treating in Lebanon to take place on Oct 31. From 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Alderperson Fero/Davis Motioned that Halloween Trick or Treating be held on Oct 31, 2023.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington and Witty – Yes  
Alderperson Wilkins - Nea  
MOTION passed 6-1

2. Alderperson Fero/Wilkins Motioned to proclaim that Oct 31<sup>st</sup> shall be the towns official Halloween/Trick or Treat Day for the city.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – Yes  
MOTION passed 7-0

**Dept. Heads**

Chief –

Water/Sewer –

Streets/Alleys –

Accountant – Gave a report that the audit is complete and electronically sent to each Ald.

1. John Wright requested Superintendent Terry to change out the bulbs in the Holiday lanterns and globes. Alderperson Wilkins/Fero Motioned to authorize the Street Department to replaced bulbs in only the globes on St Louis St. that meet our codes for safety.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Davis, Fero, Trinkka, Wilkins and Witty – Yes

Alderperson Washington – Abstain

MOTION passed 6-1

2. Alderperson Wilkins/Fero Motioned to have the Street Department under the discretion of Superintendent Terry to hang the refurbished decorative lanterns and replace bulbs on the brick street.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Davis, Fero, Trinkka, Wilkins and Witty – Yes

Alderperson Washington – Abstain

MOTION passed 6-1

Superintendent Terry stated his concerns with the wiring of the antique style streetlights.

Also, his department needs a 2-week request so that he may fit work into his schedule.

**Unfinished Business –**

**New Business –**

1. There is preliminary work being done on a revised personal manual. Alderperson Trinkka brought up for discussion the work being done on the Personnel Policy. What does it contain, why are we changing, what is wrong with other policies and how was this initiated. Mayor stated that there is a lot coming out of the new draft. Alderperson Fero said that this topic be discussed with the Personnel Chairman.

**Adjournment** – With no further business to be conducted, Aldermen Fero/Wilkins Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. by voice vote. MOTION passed by voice. All were in favor.