

LEBANON COUNCIL MINUTES
February 12 , 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

The council met in special session at city hall and was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Charles O Witty.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trink, Washington and Witty – present
Alderperson Wilkins – absent

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderperson Fero/Davis Motioned to approve the omnibus agenda, which included the agenda, approval of the bills and minutes with corrections from February 5, 2024 council meeting.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trink, Washington and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 7 – 0

Audience –

1. AJ Dontigney approached the council with apprehension to the Ordinance pertaining to the restrictions for item placement on the sidewalk. The merchants feel it is too confusing concerning what would be allowed.

Alderperson –

1. Alderperson Branch entered her opinion in support of the merchants.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets/Alleys – MEET March 4, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Interviews have been completed and a candidate has been selected to go forward to council for approval pending passing the background check and the drug test.
2. Request to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120 Sec 2(c)(1) of the Open Meeting Act.
3. Committee recommended approval of McKendree University's request for road closures on May 10th for their annual commencement exercises.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trink, Washington and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 7 – 0

4. Committee recommended approval of the Ma Cli Bo Shriners request to be allowed to solicit funds at the 4-way stop intersection at Casey's on March 29 & 30 from 7 am to 6 pm each day. Rain dates will be April 5th & 6th.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trink, Washington and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 7 – 0

Finance – MEET February 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Ordinance – MEET March 4, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Committee recommended approval of an ordinance for the sidewalk use on St. Louis St., between Fritz and Monroe by merchants in the C-2 Historic Business district. This ordinance would pertain to the safety and ADHD compliance to where items are allowed to be placed and need to be removed each night.

Roll Call: Alderperson Fero, Trinkka and Witty – Yes

Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, and Washington – No

MOTION failed 3-4

Therefore, the Ordinance will not be acted on.

Water/Sewer – MEET January 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Cemetery – MEET March 4, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

1. The Chair stated he will present the final design at the March 4th meeting. There have been Some donations towards the & 7300.00. have been received.

Health/Safety – MEET January 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Public Property – MEET March 4, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

1. The Committee recommends leasing a new \$382,300.00 street sweeper. The lease is for 5 years with the annual payment of \$90,847.26 or \$7570.60 per month. This will be placed into the FY 24-25 Budget. Before this vote Superintendent Terry informed the council that instead of leasing the city would request to purchase the street sweeper. Alderperson Fero/Davis Motioned to table the #1 recommendation and #2 resolution under public property.

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

MOTION passed 7 – 0

2. The Committee recommended allowing Chief Roth to place Lebanon on the list to order 2 vehicles (availability is approximately a year out) and body cameras (which is mandated for Jan. 1, 2025 and are backlogged). These will be in the FY 24-25 budget.

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

MOTION passed 7 – 0

3. Alderperson Fero/Witty Motioned to approve the *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVING CUSTOMARY BIDDING PROCEDURES FOR PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES AND POLICE BODY CAMERA.*

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

MOTION passed 7 – 0

Personnel – MEET January 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk – Asked everyone to get their budget papers in to the clerk.

Treasurer – Wanted to state his appreciation on the Water/Sewer Dept for their outstanding service over the weekend on locating and repairing a water break.

Mayor Pro Tem – If the council has a complaint please approach the personnel directly and refrain from mentioning names in a public forum.

Dept. Heads

Chief – Chief Roth stated his appreciation on the performance of Officer Mounts on taking the initiative on locating a lost person. Water/Sewer – Streets/Alleys – Accountant –

Unfinished Business –

1. The third estimate for upgrading the security system at City Hall was received and will go forward to the next committee meeting.
2. The mowing bids are to be forwarded to the next committee meeting.

New Business –

1. Mayor Pro Tem requested an executive session per * Request to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120 Sec 2(c)(1) of the Open Meeting Act the consideration of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Aldersperson Fero/Witty Motion to enter into executive session under 5 ILCS 120 Sec 2(c)(1)

Roll Call: Aldersperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Washington and Witty – Yes

MOTION passed 7 – 0

There will not be a vote after returning for the Executive Session.

Left regular Council meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Returned to regular council at 7:55 p.m.

Roll Call: Aldersperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinkka, Washington and Witty – present

Adjournment – With no further business to be conducted, Aldermen Fero/Davis Motioned to adjourn the meeting 7:56 p.m. by voice vote. MOTION passed by voice. All were in favor.