

LEBANON COUNCIL MINUTES
February 26 , 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, Trinka, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – present

Pledge of Allegiance

Aldersperson Fero/Davis Motioned to approve the omnibus agenda, which included the agenda, approval of the bills and minutes from February 12, 2024 council meeting.

Roll Call: Aldersperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8 – 0

Audience –

1. Sloan Kessinger spoke on the potential to bring a coffee shop to Lebanon. The location might be one of the IGA parcels.
2. Misty Hughes and Doris Edwards both expressed concern about the approaching rainy season and the effects on the drainage system in the southeast quadrant. The mayor said that the concerns would be forwarded to the Street Department. The mayor said he would contact the two citizens.

Aldersperson –

1. Aldersperson Washington asked why the Lebanon Fish, Chicken and Food restaurant didn't come before the council for approval. Clerk Holper explained that each zone has a list of approved types of businesses and don't have to be presented to the council to function.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. Committee recommended approval the *Council Resolution of Support for the Herman Street Watermain Replacement* along with a cover letter.
Roll Call: Aldersperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8 – 0
2. Committee recommended approval of the *RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR LAWN CARE SERVICES FOR THE CITY CEMETERY DUE TO EXCESSIVE COSTS*.
Roll Call: Aldersperson Bennett, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Wilkins and Witty – Yes
Aldersperson Branch and Washington – No
MOTION passed 6 – 2
3. Committee recommended eliminating one part time position in the Street Department and establish another full-time Streets, Alleys & Cemetery Maintenance Operator position.
Roll Call: Aldersperson Bennett, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Wilkins and Witty – Yes
Aldersperson Branch and Washington – No
MOTION passed 6 – 2

Finance – MEET March 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Water/Sewer – MEET March 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Committee recommended moving forward with the purchase of the F-150 Truck previously approved by resolution 17-2022. The actual price of the truck has decreased from the time of the resolution.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8 – 0

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

Health/Safety – MEET March 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

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

1. The Committee recommended moving forward with the purchasing a new Schwarze Street Sweeper for \$382,300.00 with a loan from First Federal Savings with a 5% rate for 5 years.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Wilkins and Witty – Yes
Alderperson Branch and Washington – No
RECOMMENDATION passed 6 – 2

2. The Alderperson Fero/Davis Motioned to approve the *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVING CUSTOMARY BIDDING PROCEDURES FOR PURCHASE OF A SCHWARZE STREET SWEEPER PURSUANT TO SOURCEWELL PRICING.*

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Wilkins and Witty – Yes
Alderperson Branch and Washington – No
MOTION passed 6 – 2

3. Committee recommended approval of the estimate from Pro Alarm for upgrading the security system for the city for \$7,795.

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – Yes
RECOMMENDATION passed 8 – 0

4. Alderperson Fero/Davis Motioned to approve the *RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENT AND AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SECURITY SYSTEM AND FIRE ALARMS FROM PRO-ALARM LLC. FOR \$7,795.00.*

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8 – 0

5. The GoGov work order program will go back to committee for further research and review.

Personnel – MEET March 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Chair requested to enter into Executive session per 5ILCS 120 Sec 2 ©(1) of the Open Meeting Act.

Clerk –

1. The City Clerk presented for discussion a TIF agreement between the City of Lebanon and Spilled Life LLC for Human Bean. The TIF agreement was contained in an ordinance allowing the mayor to execute said agreement. Alderperson Fero/Branch Motioned to approve the *ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR A PROJECT IN THE TIF NUMBER 1 PROJECT AREA WITH SPILLED LIFE LLC FOR THE HUMAN BEAN DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD AND BEVERAGE DEVELOPMENT, AND OTHER ACTIONS RELATED THERETO.*

Roll Call: Alderperson Bennett, Branch, Davis, Fero, Trinka, Washington, Wilkins and Witty – Yes
MOTION passed 8 – 0

Treasurer –

Mayor Pro Tem – The Mayor Pro Tem made a statement about responsibilities of the Street Department are contained to the city rights-of-way and personnel are now allowed to enter a citizens property to alleviate a problem. There was a discussion but will not be transcribed and entered into record at this time.

Dept. Heads

- Accountant –**
1. City Hall is so excited with the prospect of having the Human Bean coffee shop become part of Lebanon. The Development Team is working very diligently to develop and promote Lebanon
 2. City hall sent out a video link for the GoGov work order module. Please see it if possible, as it is very informative.

Unfinished Business –

New Business –

1. Carrie Christ presented the information concerning the purchase of a new electronic Marquee. This will be a joint effort by many groups and individuals to raise the funds. She is asking the City to research the funds to see how they could help finance this project.

2. 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/Davis Motion to enter into executive session under 5 ILCS 120 Sec 2(c)(1)

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

MOTION passed 8 – 0

There will be a vote on matters discussed upon returning from the Executive Session.

Left regular Council meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Returned to regular council at 7:27 p.m.

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

1. Aldersperson Davis/Wilkins Motioned to hire Kent Kohlbrecker to fill the vacant position of Streets, Alleys & Cemetery Maintenance Operator in the Street Department.

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

MOTION passed 8 – 0

Adjournment – With no further business to be conducted, Aldermen Wilkins/Witty Motioned to adjourn the meeting 7:29 p.m. by voice vote. **MOTION passed by voice. All were in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Luanne Holper, City Clerk