

CITY OF LEBANON  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
February 1, 2018

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Council of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Work Session on February 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 401 South Jefferson.

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Upon roll call, the following Officers were present: Gib Adkins, Ken Eldridge, Jim White, LeAnn Mather, Randy Wall, Chuck Jordan, Bob Garner, and Mayor Carr. Absent: Sheila Mitchell.

A quorum was declared.

Staff members and others in attendance: Assistant City Administrator Ben DeClue, Public Works Director Richard Shockley, Street Superintendent Mike Moore, Director of Operations Deryl Wilson, Parks Director John Shelton, Inspector Steve Hemphill, and City Clerk Laina Starnes.

YMCA DISCUSSION

Ozark Regional YMCA CEO Steve Gimenez and three other YMCA representatives presented information to the Council about what the local YMCA offered the community. Gimenez reported that 500 households were members of the YMCA and then spoke of several programs available to them. He added that elimination of programs was market driven. Some questions were posed about the elimination of the swim team where Gimenez and the others shared that the swim team had become its own entity and was leasing space from the YMCA until the season ended in March; Chris Williams, who had previously been let go by the YMCA, remained the coach.

During the discussion, Councilman Eldridge asked Gimenez to go over their financials. Gimenez apologized and said he didn't have a copy with him. Councilman White commented that this was the second year the YMCA had paid \$90,000 rather than their contractual \$120,000. Councilman Eldridge suggested letting seniors use the pool for free in lieu of paying the balance. Other suggestions were made which included the YMCA being more active in getting the word out about their programs and events.

The discussion closed with Gimenez reporting the Lebanon YMCA employed approximately 60-70 part-time employees. He also reported the YMCA was the first employer of many high school kids and it taught social responsibility and citizenship.

TRAFFIC STUDIES

Public Works Director Richard Shockley spoke to the Council regarding traffic flow improvements made over the past two decades and then talked about current traffic congestion issues. Shockley talked about congestion in the area of Morgan Rd. and Evergreen Parkway as well as Jefferson Avenue. So that Council could get a better

understanding of the congestion, videos were shown which were taken with the City's drone during times of high traffic. During the video presentation, he said that there were as many cars that travelled Jefferson during a day's time as there were on I-44. Because of these issues and potential development opportunities, Shockley stated staff was proposing a traffic impact assessment study in the Morgan Rd. and Evergreen Parkway area and a north-south arterial feasibility study for Jefferson. Ordinances for these agreements would be presented during an upcoming meeting for Council's consideration.

#### CODE CHANGE- REPEALING NELSON EDUCATION CENTER LANGUAGE AND ALLOWING FOR ALCOHOL IN PARKS FOR EVENTS

Parks Director John Shelton addressed the Council and recapped how the discussion of allowing alcohol in the parks began. He shared that the Big Bam Bike Tour, which was approved by Council in June 2017 through a sponsorship, wished to hold their event in Boswell Park since the theme of the event was Route 66. Shelton stated the Lebanon Tourism & Marketing Advisory Committee wanted to bring the event to Lebanon and was on board with permitting alcohol in the park for the event. He stressed, if approved, the alcohol sale would be by a permitted concessionaire who had proper liquor licensing; it would not be a park sale. During this meeting, a draft ordinance addressing alcohol sales in the parks was distributed. The ordinance would be presented to Council for consideration at a future meeting.

#### CODE CHANGE- SIDEWALK RESTAURANTS

Assistant City Administrator Ben DeClue stated the City's code prohibited the consumption of alcohol on sidewalks. He then shared that allowing sidewalk cafes to serve alcohol could potentially attract more restaurants to the downtown area; therefore, he had researched and found some good sample ordinances to work from when drafting one for Council to consider. He provided information regarding the draft ordinance's language and stated it would be put forward with the alcohol in the parks ordinance at a future meeting.

#### PROPERTY TRANSFER- TRIANGLE SOUTH OF STEAK AND SHAKE

Assistant City Administrator Ben DeClue shared that the City owned a small piece of landlocked property near Steak and Shake. DeClue stated there had been a water booster there at one time, but now it was of no value to the City. He also shared that the adjoining property owner was seeking to develop a commercial development and was interested in trading the property for necessary easements. A draft resolution authorizing the conveyance of the parcel was distributed to Council for their review and future consideration.

#### COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE POLICY

Assistant City Administrator Ben DeClue shared that in 2013 there was a change in the law regarding video conferencing and roll call votes cast by elected officials. And, because of this, municipalities were encouraged to adopt local policy governing video conferencing. DeClue then distributed a draft resolution clearly defining parameters for video conferencing which had been crafted from a sample obtained from the Missouri


Municipal League. The Council briefly reviewed the resolution during the meeting where DeClue suggested placing a yearly cap on a member's attendance via video conferencing. The resolution was scheduled to be placed on a future agenda for consideration.

COMMENTS

The Mayor then asked the Council if they would like to make any comments prior to adjournment. Councilman Bob Garner spoke briefly about Rotary's efforts to make the City of Lebanon a "Tree City" and what that entailed. Councilman Eldridge suggested developing a spreadsheet to track matters brought up during the public comments section of the Council meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Carr declared the meeting adjourned at 8:06.

  
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Mayor Jared Carr

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk Laina Starnes

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