

CITY OF LEBANON
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
March 7, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Council of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Work Session on March 7, 2019 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, and Mayor Carr. Absent: Sheila Mitchell and Bob Garner.

A quorum was declared.

Staff members and others in attendance: City Administrator Mike Schumacher, Public Works Director Richard Shockley, Street Superintendent Mike Moore, Interim Electric Superintendent Travis Long, Environmental Services Superintendent Eric Mork, Communications Manager Derek Gean, REDI President Brian Thompson, and Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Laina Starnes.

NORTH/SOUTH ALIGNMENT STUDY, CRAWFORD MURPHY AND TILLY

Public Works Director Richard Shockley stated that CMT's study was approved by the City Council in February 2018 for data collection, traffic impact analysis, right of way impact analysis, etc. Through a PowerPoint presentation, he then shared the study results and recommendations. During his presentation, Shockley talked about Jefferson Avenue (Route 5), from I-44 to Seventh Street, being the main route through the City and then spoke of how existing alternate routes such as Washington Avenue and Exit 135 at Sleeper were used to bypass Jefferson Avenue. The presentation then moved toward the consideration of an alternate route, which would potentially take 25% of traffic off Jefferson Avenue, and funding sources for the route of which one was a MoDOT cost share program.

Street Superintendent Mike Moore then took the floor and gave a presentation on street network traffic flow improvements. Moore first spoke of the Springfield Road to Van Buren project already approved by City Council at a cost of \$175,000. Some of the other potential traffic flow improvements mentioned was a possible right turn lane off Jefferson on to Washington at an estimated cost of \$200,000, a cut through from YY to East Commercial/Millcreek Road at an estimated cost of \$2.2 million, and a cut through from Beck Lane to Elm at West Bland at an estimated cost of \$720,000.

OUTSOURCED MOWING FOR CITY FACILITIES

City Administrator Mike Schumacher stated that staff had bid out the mowing of City facilities and he would be bringing forward a contract at the next meeting for Council's consideration. Schumacher said the comparison of a vendor doing the work versus the City was close in dollars, but there were other costs associated with keeping it in house, such as equipment and fuel.

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT MAINTENANCE

City Administrator Mike Schumacher said he reached out to Laclede Industries to see if they would be interested in maintaining the Downtown Business District. He stated it would be a good partnership with a local non-profit organization and would provide meaningful employment to local individuals with disabilities. Schumacher said a proposal was submitted from Laclede Industries for \$300 a week and a contract for their services would be presented at the next meeting for Council's consideration. He closed by saying the cost would be split evenly between Economic Development Fund 45 and Downtown Business District Fund 75.

INCENTIVE POLICY

City Administrator Mike Schumacher spoke briefly regarding a proposed City-wide economic development policy. He said the policy would give staff guidance and parameters to work with and City Council would still have final approval of each project. During this time, he said the school district was engaged and the dialogue had been open and positive. Schumacher then talked about a proposed housing incentive policy and said it and the economic development policy would be presented to Council for consideration.

COUNCIL GOALS- GROUP 2, INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES

Street Superintendent Mike Moore, Interim Electric Superintendent Travis Long and Environmental Services Superintendent Eric Mork gave their City Council Goals presentation on Infrastructure and Utilities, which consisted of streets, water, electric, and wastewater. During Moore's part of the presentation, there was a lot of discussion on the Adopt a Street Program. Moore reported that 12 of the 31 streets had been adopted. He also spoke about the street sign plan and street striping. Mork then took the floor and spoke of enhancing reliability of utilities through inspections, maintenance and capital improvements as it related to water and wastewater. Long closed by reporting about the status of his department's electric improvement projects and electric reliability.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Councilman Eldridge- stated the streetlights on Jefferson were dull and asked if it was possible to install brighter lights in the same fixtures. Interim Electric Superintendent Travis Long replied by saying they were looking to install cobra head LED lights which would be an improvement.

Councilman Jordan- stated he thought the visuals from the KY3 camera located on top of the HD Lee building were dark and wondered if they could be improved. He also talked about the old Joy Motel building being donated to the City by Lee Sing and moved to Boswell Park.

Councilman Wall- expressed he felt the City should have some way of tracking new businesses.

Councilman Adkins- shared he would like to see a luncheon provided to all City volunteers and stated he would also like the City to explore becoming an "Autism Friendly City."

Mayor Carr- spoke about the assembly being held Friday to recognize the Girls Wrestling Team and was happy that the school included the City in this accommodation. He then reported that City Administrator Mike Schumacher was coming up on his one-year employment anniversary and he needed to initiate his evaluation and get Council's input.

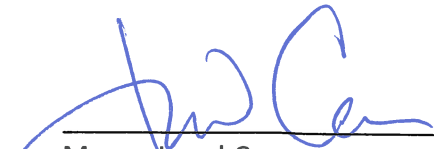
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Carr declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Laina Starnes



Mayor Jared Carr

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