

CITY OF LEBANON  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
April 8, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Council of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Work Session on April 8, 2024, 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, Mike Evans, Sheila Mitchell, Dan Mizell, Jeff Mutchler, Randy Wall, Chuck Jordan, Bob Garner, and Mayor Carr. Absent: None.

A quorum was declared.

Staff members and others in attendance: City Administrator Mike Schumacher, Public Works Director Richard Shockley, Police Chief Jerry Harrison, Interim Police Chief Lt. Matt Wright, Finance Director Kat Gill, Code Administrator Joe Berkich, Interim Code Administrator Christina Wagner, Communications Manager Derek Gean, Downtown Executive Director Sarah Stewart, Downtown Executive Director Assistant Makinna McCubbin, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Laina Starnes and City Counselor Chris Allen.

**NO CHANCE GAMING**

City Administrator Mike Schumacher stated that state law pertaining to no chance gaming machines was very confusing and the issue had ultimately been left up to local municipalities. He further reported that the City of Springfield banned no chance gaming machines and was currently in litigation with the machine owners. Schumacher suggested that the City of Lebanon wait to see what happens with the litigation before taking any action.

**DANGEROUS BUILDING**

City Council was provided a draft document reflecting proposed changes to code language related to dangerous buildings and Code Administrator Joe Berkich provided code history related to the same. Berkich then went through the draft document with the Council and highlighted the proposed changes related to dangerous buildings and unsafe structures. During this time, Berkich stated the process related to this subject matter mirrored that of the City of Springfield. He further stated that City Counselor Chris Allen had reviewed the proposed changes.

**BUILDING CODE UPDATE**

Code Administrator Joe Berkich provided code history related to building codes. He said the City was currently working under the 2006 version of building codes and recommended moving to the 2021 version. He reported that building codes were updated every three years, and the 2024 version was still in progress. Berkich then went through a list of changes should the City adopt the 2021 version and reported that doing

so would improve the City's ISO rating. He also mentioned that staff was not recommending the adoption of the energy code.

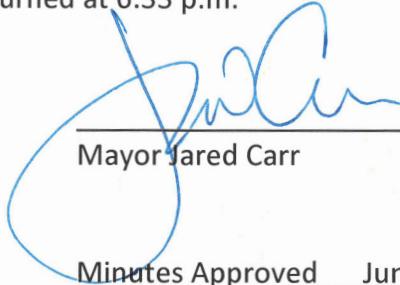
ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Councilman Adkins- asked about storm siren operations for which City Administrator Mike Schumacher reported the City partnered with OEM. Schumacher added that 113 people took refuge in the area storm shelters and the operations worked well during the recent storm event.

Councilman Jordan- commended the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for its efforts during the recent storm event.

ADJOURNMENT

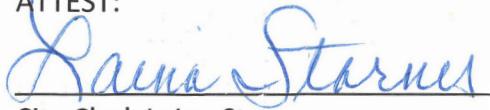
Mayor Carr declared the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.



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Mayor Jared Carr

Minutes Approved June 10, 2025

ATTEST:



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Laina Starnes

City Clerk Laina Starnes