

CITY OF LEBANON
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
July 08, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Council of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Work Session on July 08, 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: Sheila Mitchell, Dan Mizell, Randy Wall, Chuck Jordan, Bob Garner, and Mayor Carr. Absent: Gib Adkins, Mike Evans, and Jeff Mutchler.

A quorum was declared.

Jeff Mutchler entered the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Staff members and others in attendance: City Administrator Mike Schumacher, Public Works Director Richard Shockley, Police Chief Jerry Harrison, Fire Chief Sam Schneider, Finance Director Kat Gill, Human Resource Director Kathy Milliken, Tourism Director Rebecca Rupard, President/CEO of Lebanon REDI Brian Thompson, Communications Manager Derek Gean, Downtown Executive Director Sarah Stewart, Deputy City Clerk Lacey Brackett, and City Counselor Chris Allen.

GROUP 5 GOALS- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Tourism Director Rebecca Rupard gave an update on the visitor profile study and shared that the information obtained from that study was used to apply for the grant that would be presented at the regular meeting. Rupard reported that the Tourism Department would be collaborating with the Chamber and Downtown Business District to continue their marketing with Fort Leonard Wood. Rupard also reported that they planned to work with Bennett Springs State Park to promote the area.

Lebanon REDI President Brian Thompson presented the Council with a handout that had analytics from the unemployment percentage and average hourly wage from previous and current years. He discussed the population growth and traffic counts, which were currently higher than in previous years. Thompson shared that they would be hosting tours of the factories for military personnel. Thompson also advised that the Chamber would be helping with Leadership Lebanon for the 2024-2025 class, and as of 2025, the Chamber would be taking the program over.

Councilman Garner inquired about the employment rate and the data on vehicles on Jefferson Avenue.

Councilwoman Mitchell inquired about the difference in the data from May 2023 and May 2024 which showed a decrease in the labor force and employed numbers.

City Administrator Mike Schumacher gave an update on the grant for the Airport and advised engineering would start soon.

100 FOOT LADDER TRUCK

Fire Chief Sam Schneider presented a picture of a 100-foot ladder truck and advised the lead time would be over 600 days and it would cost approximately 1.9 million; however, the truck was budgeted for 2 million. Schneider reported the engine price could change due to changes in emissions.

Councilman Mutchler inquired about penetration stabilizers and Councilman Mizell inquired about the truck being measured in miles or hours, with Schneider advising the current truck did not have a lot of miles on it and recommended that it be put in the market to be sold.

HUNTING CODE AMENDMENT

Police Chief Jerry Harrison shared that the City would be amending one code ordinance and adding an additional section for hunting and addressed key points to the code amendments.

Mayor Carr stated several citizens have asked to hunt on land inside the City limits.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Councilman Garner reported the Senior Day at the Fair would be held at the Cowan Civic Center and there were over 70 vendors expected to attend.

CLOSED SESSION

Jordan moved and Wall seconded that the Council move out of Work Session and into Closed Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1), (2) to discuss Legal and Real Estate matters. Motion carried as follows: Yea: (6) Mitchell, Mizell, Mutchler, Wall, Jordan, and Garner; Nay: (0) None; Abstain: (0) None; Absent: (2) Adkins and Evans.

Council moved into Closed Session at 6:22 pm and returned to the Work Session at 6:40 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Carr declared the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Mayor Pro Tem Bob Garner

ATTEST:



City Clerk Laina Starnes

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