

CITY OF LEBANON
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 7, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Council of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Work Session on January 7, 2021 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: Jonathan Reagan, Josh Ray, Randy Wall, Bob Garner, Chuck Jordan and Mayor Carr. Absent: Gib Adkins, Ken Eldridge, and Sheila Mitchell.

A quorum was declared.

Staff members and others in attendance: City Administrator Mike Schumacher, Public Works Director Richard Shockley, Street Superintendent Mike Moore, IT Director Jarrad Schomaker, Parks Director John Shelton, Communications Manager Derek Gean, and Deputy City Clerk Lindsey Slavens.

GROUP 2 GOALS- INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES

Public Works Director Richard Shockley presented a PowerPoint presentation on the FY2021 Council goals for Infrastructure and Utilities. He addressed traffic flow solutions that included meetings with MODOT and monitoring traffic count. Utilities would also enhance reliability through routine inspections and maintenance. Shockley also mentioned a goal of improving utility customer service by means of communication would be addressed. City Administrator added that the control of software storage for utilities was being moved to I.T for improved utilization. Council questioned the call center and its availability and was informed that although the phone number was active, calls were not ready to be routed to it until underlying logistics were resolved.

PUBLIC WORKS RADIOS

I.T Director Jarrad Schomaker informed Council that Public Works radios had reached their end of service and in need of replacement. After research, options were presented with the best fit option being an analog system with repeaters. The system would also provide police department dispatch with a backup if MOSWIN was down. A study would be conducted to give a model of where antennas were needed. Mayor Carr asked about putting repeaters in each vehicle, and Schomaker replied that it was possible but very expensive. Portable radios also allowed versatility for use in emergency situations such as the May 4th windstorm when out of town agencies were involved.

SIDEWALK MASTER PLAN

Street Superintendent Mike Moore presented a PowerPoint to Council reviewing the Sidewalk Master Plan. A scoring system would allow scheduled maintenance for sidewalks to preserve integrity and safety. He continued that City sidewalk networks have increased by 45% since 2007, but remaining sidewalks have become out of compliance with ADA standards. He explained that very minimal details could result in non-compliance, making it very challenging to maintain. Although funding for improvements were available, they would be taken from the Street budget as a whole, effecting other projects. It was noted that the

citizen survey results indicated street concerns as the top priority and if funds were being utilized for sidewalk projects, streets would not be addressed properly. Moore stated that a feasible plan would be to focus more on curb ramps, which would help make sidewalks accessible while not taking too much time or funding. Councilman Reagan asked if the 6 curb ramps in need of repair could be addressed first, and Moore replied that they could. City Administrator then asked Council to consider giving guidance on future budget strategies to focus on this area.

WALKING TRAIL CONNECTIVITY

City Administrator Michael Schumacher presented a map to Council showing the current sidewalks and potential connectivity options. He asked that Council review and give input on areas they wished to address first. Councilman Reagan questioned the placement of a connector between East Fremont neighborhoods to the Middle School. It was discussed that the crossover at South 5 would be too hazardous and options to alleviate danger would be costly. Reagan raised the idea of giving citizens in like neighborhoods the option to fund such projects at freewill as a potential in the future. Councilwoman Mitchell stated she felt the need to focus on areas of safety concern first. Public Works Director Richard Shockley agreed and stated that was staff recommendation as well. Councilman Ray added that he felt curb ramps followed by top outstanding concerns should be addressed, then the start of connector sidewalks. Schumacher presented options of starting points and with unanimous support would put together a list of ordered projects for Council review. Mayor Carr suggested setting yearly goals for sidewalks, and Shockley agreed while adding the suggestion of dedicated funds.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Councilman Jordan- complimented Police Chief Bryan Arnold on his speech at Officer Blackburn's funeral service. He also expressed how well everyone did as a whole for the tribute.

Councilman Reagan- stated how impressed he was with Officer Blackburn's service and the pride in the community.

Councilman Garner- expressed how fortunate the City was to have Chief Arnold, and also commended the Electric department for their work during the ice storm.

Mayor Carr- announced plans of adding something Downtown to commemorate officer Blackburn. He closed by stating he hoped everyone had a good holiday and was ready for the new year.

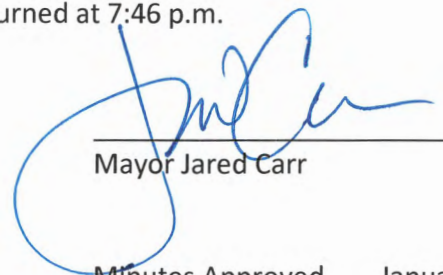
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Carr declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Laina Starnes



Mayor Jared Carr

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