

CITY OF LEBANON  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
February 4, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Council of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Work Session on February 4, 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: Gib Adkins, Ken Eldridge, Sheila Mitchell, Jonathan Reagan, Josh Ray, 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, Parks Director John Shelton, Assistant Parks Director Elliot Wilburn, Finance Director Kat Gill, Communications Manager Derek Gean, Lebanon REDI President/CEO Brian Thompson, and Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Laina Starnes.

GROUP 3 GOALS- PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks Director John Shelton first spoke to the Mayor and Council about the accomplishments and shortfalls of the Parks Department in 2020 and then provided a status update on their current goals set by Council. During this time, Shelton reported that the sand volleyball courts were complete and that he would have dedicated park staff cleaning the parks on weekends during the spring and summer. He also spoke of how COVID had affected operations.

BOSWELL AQUATIC CENTER OPTIONS

Parks Director John Shelton gave the historical background for the Boswell Aquatic Center and then provided the Mayor and Council several options for the pool. Some of those options included continuing to operate the pool as it stood, adding a zero-depth entry and lazy river to the pool, or building a new aquatic facility. Estimated costs for the presented options were provided as well.

PARK FUND 79 REVENUE STREAMS

Finance Director Kat Gill presented the history for both park expenditures and property tax revenue and reported the money put back from the sale of the Nelson Education Center was basically keeping them afloat. Gill also reported that the forecast for Fund 79 indicated it would be in the hole by 2024. Following the presentation of both Park and Stormwater capital needs by Parks Director John Shelton and Public Works Director Richard Shockley, the conversation turned to the possibility of a ½ cent sales tax (3/8 for Parks and 1/8 for Stormwater). Gill reported current property tax revenue for the Parks was \$630,000 and \$0 for Stormwater. With a ½ cent sales tax, the potential revenue for Parks would be \$1,275,000 and \$425,000 for Stormwater. City Administrator Mike

Schumacher then summarized the sales tax proposal and said, if a sales tax was adopted, staff recommended rolling back the property tax levy to zero. A brief discussion was then held where questions from the Mayor and Council were entertained.

TRANSFER TO STREET FUND 08 FROM CAPITAL FUND 22

City Administrator Mike Schumacher reported that the Public Safety Tax and the Civic Center renovation financing took a load off Capital Fund 22. With that said, Schumacher said staff wanted to propose moving \$500,000 from Capital Fund 22 to Street Fund 08 (\$250,000 in FY2021 and \$250,000 in FY2022) and move up several street projects that were part of the Street Master Plan. A discussion commenced where several questions were posed. In conclusion, Schumacher said an ordinance would be presented to Council at an upcoming meeting for consideration.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Councilman Jordan- congratulated staff on the nice article published in the Laclede County Record on City streets.

Councilman Garner- commented on a recent article published in the Springfield paper about the opening of Ft. Leonard Wood in 1942 and the impact it made in the years thereafter.

Mayor Carr- announced that an event was scheduled for Father's Day weekend to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> year of Ramona Lehman owing the Munger Moss Motel located on Route 66. He also stated the recent groundbreaking ceremony for the Public Safety Building was very nice and announced the upcoming meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Carr declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk Laina Starnes

  
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Mayor Jared Carr  
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