

CITY OF LEBANON  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
February 26, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Council of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Work Session on February 26, 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 Administrator Richard Shockley, Interim Police Chief Lt. Matthew Wright, Code Administrator Joe Berkich, Planning and Zoning Manager Christina Wagner, Finance Director Kat Gill, Park Director John Shelton, Tourism Director Rebecca Rupard, Environmental Services Superintendent Eric Mork, Downtown Business District Executive Director Sarah Stewart, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Laina Starnes, and City Counselor Chris Allen.

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT UPDATE

Downtown Business District Executive Director Sarah Stewart opened by thanking the Mayor and Council for entrusting her with her position and offering her the opportunity to serve the community in this capacity. Stewart then spoke about the partnership between the City, Missouri Main Street and many other organizations, businesses, private donors, property owners, and volunteers. She reported on events, public and private investment, façade grants and improvements, volunteer hours and new downtown businesses. Stewart closed by saying she looked forward to the coming year and the continued partnership with the City of Lebanon.

GROUP 3 GOALS- PARKS AND RECREATION

Park Director John Shelton provided the status of goals set by Council for Parks and Recreation. With regard to long range maintenance planning, he shared that the replacement schedule for park capital buildings was 60% complete and the replacement of playground equipment was 75% complete. Shelton then shared an update on the weather alert system, shade structures at Nelson, mowing, hiring, infield repair after irrigation installation, and the pickleball and basketball courts at Wallace Park. He also reported on summer leagues, safety, and long-range planning. He closed by stating a park improvement schedule had been created for each park, and they were still looking for new park property on the southwest and southeast parts of town.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT

City Administrator Mike Schumacher spoke about the National Opioid Settlement that the City was participating in. He shared there was a requirement for the settlement

money to be used for addressing opioid abuse, addiction, and rehabilitation and, unless there was any objection, the City planned to direct the funds to the Laclede County Treatment Court as mentioned in past meetings. He said that an ordinance giving this authorization would be presented to Council for their consideration and it was indicated they would rather one ordinance address all funding instead of coming back with a new ordinance each time funds were received.

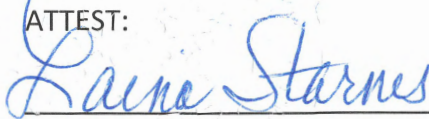
ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Councilman Adkins- suggested that "Boat Town USA" be added to the City logo.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Carr declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk Laina Starnes

  
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Mayor Jared Carr

Minutes Approved      March 11, 2024  
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