

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Council of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Work Session on March 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, Chuck Jordan and Mayor Carr. Absent: Randy Wall and Bob Garner.

A quorum was declared.

Staff members and others in attendance: City Administrator Mike Schumacher, Public Works Director Richard Shockley, Finance Director Kat Gill, Human Resource Director Kathy Milliken, IT Director Jarrad Schomaker, Code Administrator Joe Berkich, Building Inspector Mark Scott, Communications Manager Derek Gean, and Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Laina Starnes.

STORMWATER ISSUE

Code Administrator Joe Berkich presented facts surrounding the stormwater issue that Edwin Armstrong spoke about during public comments at the February 22, 2021 Council meeting. He reported that the issue was really between two property owners (Dollar General and Unity Freewill Baptist Church on South Hwy 5) and that he had been serving as a mediator for the two. Berkich provided engineering drawings and diagrams which reflected stormwater detention areas. He also described measures that had been taken to slow down the stormwater even more. In conclusion, Berkich stated he believed the two parties had come to an agreement on how to resolve the issue.

GROUP 4 GOALS- INTERNAL SERVICES

IT Director/Airport Jarrad Schomaker was the spokesperson for Group 4 whose goals focused on superior customer service, both internally and externally. Schomaker went through each goal and provided information about their status. The goal of holding six front-line employee roundtables was reported to be complete while the remainder of the group's goals were reported to be in progress.

SIX-MONTH BUDGET OVERVIEW

Finance Director Kat Gill presented the FY2021 semi-annual budget review. During her presentation, Gill reported that sales tax revenue was up by 11.75% over last year despite the challenges that COVID had presented and that the City was in a good position revenue wise. She also reported that expenditures were down, which she felt was also attributed to COVID. As part of her presentation, Gill went through the unaudited revenue/expenditure report for each fund and provided beginning and ending cash balances as well as fund balance percentages.

WINTER STORM ENERGY COSTS

Public Works Director Richard Shockley explained how the City's power was received and how being a part of Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA) and the Missouri Public Energy Pool (MOPEP) spread out the risks. During this time, Shockley provided data collected from the storm event which included daily temperatures, daily energy consumptions and the estimated wholesale electric cost. To explain the financial impact the storm had, he reported February's wholesale electric cost was expected to be \$3.9 million, which was significantly more than the typical \$1.6 million. He then went through the pool's mitigation plan and said MOPEP's working capital and reserves would cover \$1.8 million of the cost and then the remaining \$2.1 million would be covered by the City utilizing MOPEP's low interest revolving line of credit over 10-12 months. In the end, Shockley stated the City's increased cost would eventually be offset by a wholesale cost reduction expected in the new 2021 contract. In conclusion, Shockley happily reported that the City did not have to implement rolling blackouts as other communities did because utility customers did such a great job conserving electricity during the winter storm.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Councilman Adkins- expressed he felt staff led the City in a positive way and then commended the Mayor on his State of the City address he gave at Rotary.

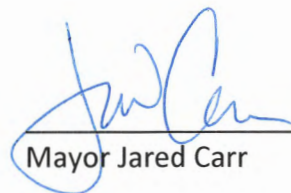
Councilman Jordan- reported there was a good turnout for Ward Four's #LevelUpLebanon effort.

City Administrator Mike Schumacher- shared that, because of the winter storm, the City would be flexible on utility payment deadlines as the postal service was moving slowly.

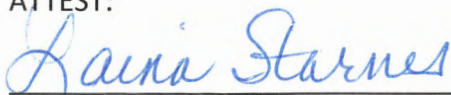
Mayor Carr- announced meeting schedules and that he was accepting nominees for Mayor Anderson's Annual Gold Leaf awards. He also spoke about the City receiving the "Work Friendly Community" designation.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Carr declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Mayor Jared Carr

ATTEST:


City Clerk Laina Starnes

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