

CITY OF LEBANON
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
March 25, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Council of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Work Session on March 25, 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, Fire Chief Sam Schneider, Interim Police Chief Lt. Matt Wright, Interim Code Administrator Christina Wagner, President of Lebanon REDI Brian Thompson, Tourism Director Rebecca Rupard, Downtown Business District Executive Director Sarah Stewart, IT/Airport Director Jarrad Schomaker, Detective Kacie Springer, Communications Manager Derek Gean, and Deputy City Clerk Lacey Brackett.

INSURANCE

City Administrator Mike Schumacher reported that they had recently completed the Request for Proposal (RFP) process regarding the City's property and casualty insurance. He shared that Ollis/Akers/Arney Insurance was the selected vendor. Schumacher advised that the City would need to notify the current insurance carrier and added that they had a great relationship and they had been great partners. Councilwoman Mitchell expressed concern about notifying the carrier in advance before starting the new policy.

COUNCIL GOALS GROUP 5- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Tourism Director Rebecca Rupard gave handouts to the Council with the results of the Visitor Profile Study and reported that the top 5 states from which visitors were from were Illinois, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Indiana and 45% of visitors visited Downtown and stayed on average, one and a half days. Rupard also reported that they have worked on increasing their presence at Fort Leonard Wood every week.

Lebanon REDI President Brian Thompson reported current unemployment numbers and explained the trend from years prior. He shared that Lebanon was picked to host a training offered by the University of Missouri Extension and expressed how glad he was that Lebanon was one of the locations chosen to host it.

HUGHES CENTER FIBER PROJECT

IT/Airport Director Jarrad Schomaker reported that the City was installing fiber and WiFi at the Hughes Center. The fiber was being installed by Facilities and the IT Department and this would also allow the City to have access to security for the Gasconade Park.

FFA PARTNERSHIP

IT/Airport Director Jarrad Schomaker shared that they had been looking into ways to maintain the acreage at the airport and an idea for a partnership with FFA was inquired about where the FFA could hay the approximately 104 acres at the airport twice a year. Council had a positive reaction and Schomaker said he would get more information and bring it back to the Council.

During this time, Schomaker reported that since the new ground space lease language was approved, interest had been shown and a lease agreement was being presented for Council's consideration this same evening. Schomaker also reported that they were looking at getting debris and snow removal equipment, and shared that the OSHKOSH event would be happening soon.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

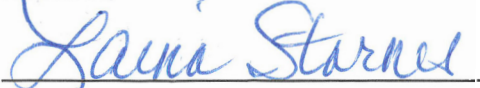
Mayor Carr shared that the April 22nd meeting would be combined with Planning and Zoning and it was decided to start the meeting at 5:00 p.m. He also reported that May 2nd would be the budget meeting and it would start at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Carr shared that Councilman Mutchler inquired about having an urban hunt. There would be more information to come once a conversation was had with the Conservation Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Carr declared the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Laina Starnes



Mayor Jared Carr

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