

CITY OF LEBANON  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
May 4, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Council of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Work Session on May 4, 2023, 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 City Council Officers were present: Sheila Mitchell, Dan Mizell, Randy Wall, Chuck Jordan, Bob Garner, and Mayor Carr. Absent: Gib Adkins, Ken Eldridge, and Jeff Mutchler.

A quorum was declared.

Staff members and others in attendance: City Administrator Mike Schumacher, Public Works Director Richard Shockley, Police Chief Bryan Arnold, Fire Chief Sam Schneider, Electric Superintendent Travis Long, Street Superintendent Mike Moore, Environmental Services Superintendent Eric Mork, Code Administrator Joe Berkich, Human Resource Director Kathy Milliken, Finance Director Kat Gill, Accounting Technician Marcia Rautenkranz, IT/Airport Director Jarrad Schomaker, Park Director John Shelton, Tourism Director Rebecca Rupard, Communications Manager Derek Gean, and Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Laina Starnes.

HEALTH INSURANCE

John Akers from Ollis/Akers/Arney provided a health insurance update to Mayor Carr and City Council. Among other things, Akers shared that current claims were 58.6% under maximum and that they were reviewing options that would tweak some details of the City's stop-loss insurance. Akers stated they would be conducting a benefit benchmark study that would be used to evaluate and redesign the benefits plan. Human Resource Director Kathy Milliken reported the health insurance renewal would be presented to Council soon and any plan benefit changes wouldn't become effective until January 1, 2024.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Finance Director Kat Gill presented the FY24 Budget. During her presentation, Gill gave a budget overview related to an overall ending fund balance, shared key goals for FY2024, and presented revenue/expenditure comparisons from previous years. Gill reviewed highlights for each department and spoke of their projected projects. Gill also spoke of the Capital Improvement Plan and how it was a valuable tool to forecast larger expenses for growth as well as maintenance of City assets. A brief discussion was held where Mayor Carr and Council posed questions related to the budget and department heads were given the opportunity to give further clarification if needed.

During the budget presentation, Council took the following action to break for a recess.

At 6:16 pm, Jordan moved and Wall seconded that the Council move into Recess. Motion carried unanimously.

At 6:49 pm, Wall moved and Jordan seconded that the Council move out of Recess and back into Work Session. Motion carried unanimously.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Councilman Jordan- commented that the spring cleanup was well attended and managed.

Councilman Mizell- spoke about the spring cleanup event and commented he had concerns about it being out of the City's control because it was managed by a private company. He also inquired about the intersections at Fremont/South Hwy 5 and Tower Road/Hwy 32 and said he would be happy to help with MoDOT. He then suggested a letter writing campaign regarding the intersections.

Councilwoman Mitchell- suggested that outside entities such as trash and phone companies be invited to the Level Up meetings. She then stated that a former Marine friend of hers who lost his son from PTSD after returning from Afghanistan had volunteered to transport the recently acquired aircraft carrier anchor for the City in memory of his son.

Mayor Carr- provided the upcoming meeting schedule.


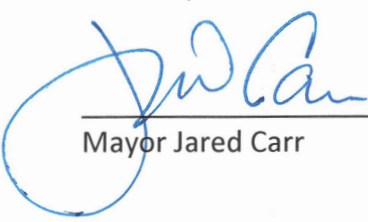
CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO RSMO 610.021(2) REAL ESTATE

Garner moved and Jordan seconded that the Council move out of Work Session and into Closed Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(2) to discuss real estate. Motion carried as follows: Yea: (6) Mitchell, Mizell, Wall, Jordan, and Garner; Nay: (0) None; Abstain: (0) None; Absent: (3) Adkins, Eldridge, and Mutchler.

Council moved into Closed Session at 7:46 p.m. and returned to Work Session at 7:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Carr declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

<p>ATTEST:</p>  <p>Deputy City Clerk Lacey Brackett</p>	 <p>_____ Mayor Jared Carr</p> <p>Minutes Approved _____ August 14, 2023</p>
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