

CITY OF LEBANON
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
May 5, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Council of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Work Session on May 5, 2022, 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: Gib Adkins, Ken Eldridge, Sheila Mitchell, Jonathan Reagan, 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 Director Richard Shockley, Electric Superintendent Travis Long, Environmental Services Superintendent Eric Mork, Human Resource Director Kathy Milliken, Public Works Analyst Kelly Roberts, Utility Operations Manager Tina Bash, Communications Manager Derek Gean, and Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Laina Starnes.

PUBLIC WORKS BOARD DISCUSSION

Terry Jarrett of Healy Law Office LLC went through the draft ordinance language establishing a Board of Public Works to manage and operate public utilities. He stated there would be four members with staggered terms as directed by state statute, all of which would be residents within the city limits and City utility customers.

City Administrator Mike Schumacher stated that, under this model, human resources and operations would remain under the City of Lebanon and a City employee would serve as Utility Manager.

TOTH ELECTRIC STUDY

Certified Public Accountant Craig Woychesse, Senior Utility Rate Consultant for Toth & Associates, presented the Electric Rate Study to Mayor Carr and Council. During his presentation, he explained the rate study elements were revenue requirements, cost-of-service, and rate design. He shared the proposed increase was 3%, which would add three or four dollars to the average customer's bill.

REVIEW OF ELECTRIC/WATER RATE STRUCTURE

Public Works Director Richard Shockley referenced a handout he had distributed to Mayor Carr and Council on utility rate comparisons for various population and usage categories. He then turned the floor over to Professional Engineer Kevin Hooper of Toth & Associates to walk through the handout and answer any questions. During this time, it was reported that the City of Lebanon currently had the second lowest water rates in the state.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Councilman Eldridge- reported there was a great turnout at the Black the Blue event on Saturday. He stated he was humbled at the level of expertise of City employees and was lucky to have them.

Councilman Garner- commended staff for cleaning up his area of the city and expressed they were going a great job.

Councilman Jordan- said he had visited Lebanon Kawasaki after the recent rain events and reported the owner was happy because he hadn't had any water issues since the detention area was put in place across the street.

Mayor Carr- reported the groundbreaking ceremony for the Ice Cream Factory was great and he was glad to have the new business in our community. He stated he appreciated Council's support and then commended Tourism Director Rebecca Rupard, Promotions Event Coordinator Lindsey Slavens, and Administrative Assistant to the City Administrator Ashley Sicard for putting together such a great event.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Carr declared the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Laina Starnes



Mayor Jared Carr

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