

CITY OF LEBANON
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
May 6, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Council of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Work Session on May 6, 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: Ken Eldridge, Sheila Mitchell, Josh Ray, Randy Wall, Chuck Jordan, Bob Garner, and Mayor Carr. Absent: Gib Adkins and Jonathan Reagan.

Councilman Reagan joined the Work Session at 5:51 P.M.

A quorum was declared.

Staff members and others in attendance: City Administrator Mike Schumacher, Police Chief Bryan Arnold, Public Works Director Richard Shockley, Street Superintendent Mike Moore, Parks Director John Shelton, Finance Director Kat Gill, Fire Chief Sam Schneider, Tourism Director Rebecca Rupard, Human Resource Director Kathy Milliken, Electric Superintendent Travis Long, Environmental Superintendent Eric Mork, IT Director Jarrad Schomaker, Code Administrator Joe Berkich, Communications Manager Derek Gean, and Deputy City Clerk Lindsey Slavens.

PARK LEVY ON REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY- JULIE RAYL-GILSTRAP, ASSESSOR
County Assessor, Julie Rayl-Gilstrap, explained how property tax was assessed. She continued by displaying a chart to Council that showed the formula used and totals based on homes of various values. She added by stating, if the proposed tax were implemented and park levy rolled back, the City's portion of the assessed value would essentially be cut in half. City Administrator Mike Schumacher thanked Rayl-Gilstrap for her time. Councilman Garner then questioned what the rough estimate of lost income would be if passed, and Parks Director John Shelton responded the estimated total of \$650,000.

PARK AND STORM WATER CONTROL SALES TAX

Finance Director Kat Gill explained that the current Park financials were being grown out of and upon looking into the forecasted future, fund balances would eventually go into the negative if not addressed. Parks Director John Shelton spoke on the minimum wage increase which had affected park jobs, routine maintenance, updates, and projects. Councilman Eldridge asked if a Capital Project Plan would be implemented if the tax were passed and City Administrator Mike Schumacher responded that there would be. He continued that a fund balance plan would be created, and projected projects would be laid out and brought before council for approval. Public Works Director Richard Shockley added that there was not a dedicated funding stream for stormwater. If the tax were to pass, it would allow much needed maintenance and address future concerns for stormwater. Councilwoman Mitchell asked how the sales tax was planned to be

promoted. Shelton responded that the Park Board had conducted research and would put together materials to educate the public as to how the tax would affect them.

FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Before beginning the presentation, City Administrator Mike Schumacher explained to Council that the budget would not be presented for approval until the last meeting in May, giving more time for review and any questions that may be asked. He also added that the presentation format would be different that year, touching the high level points of the budget and addressing any major changes. Finance Director Kat Gill began the PowerPoint presentation by showing the budget overview and key goals for FY2022. She continued that reserves would continue to be kept high due to increasing material costs, and unforeseen circumstances as a result of Covid-19. She reviewed financial highlights for each department and explained each of their corresponding balances. Each of the department heads presented their projected projects and a summary of their respective portion of the FY22 budget. During each presentation, questions were asked, and brief discussions were had. The presented budget would be brought before Council for adoption at the May 25, 2021 Council Meeting.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Mayor Carr- thanked Kat Gill and City Staff for all of their hard work on the budget. He notified Council that the budget would be dedicated to officer Blackburn, with a tribute included on the front page. He continued that the budget would not be brought before Council for approval until the May 25th meeting, giving more time for review and any questions that may need asked. He closed by stating the Park and Stormwater Tax Ordinance would be presented at Monday nights Council Meeting.

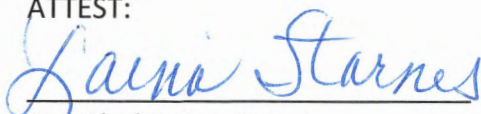
Councilman Jordan- gave a heads up that he would not be in attendance at the next Council Meeting due to family matters.


Councilman Garner- shared that he had received numerous calls in regard to the Farmers Market and requested that it be looked into further.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Carr declared the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

ATTEST:


City Clerk Laina Starnes


Mayor Jared Carr

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