

CITY OF LEBANON
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
July 7, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Council of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Work Session on July 7, 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: Ken Eldridge, Sheila Mitchell, Jeffrey Mutchler, Randy Wall, Chuck Jordan, and Bob Garner, and Mayor Carr. Absent: Gib Adkins and Jonathan Reagan.

A quorum was declared.

Staff members and others in attendance: City Administrator Mike Schumacher, Communications Manager Derek Gean, Lebanon REDI President/CEO Brian Thompson, Human Resource Director Kathy Milliken, Code Administrator Joe Berkich, Police Chief Bryan Arnold, Fire Chief Sam Schneider, and Deputy City Clerk Lacey Brackett.

Minutes were taken by Deputy City Clerk Lacey Brackett.

GROUP 1 GOALS- PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Chief Sam Schneider gave a presentation to Council on behalf of the Public Safety Group. He expressed the Etch and Catch Program had been going well. Councilman Garner asked Schneider to explain what the program entailed. Schneider explained to Council that the purpose of this program targeted the theft of catalytic converters. A citizen could go to a participating shop and request that their license plate number be etched into their catalytic converter, as well as have the catalytic converter painted. Schneider then expressed that the Police Department planned to be more active in the community and would have a police officer at each school. Police Chief Bryan Arnold advised that he had a goal to put a squad team at each school in Lebanon. He stated each squad would go into a local school and would familiarize themselves with the school. When they were acquainted with the school, the squad would switch to another school and follow the same process. He expressed that this would be a way the Police Department would be active in the school and would familiarize themselves with the school. Schneider also expressed that the Police Department's Drug Takeback Program, which is held each year, was a major success. He announced that the next one would be held in October.

Schneider stated that each Public Safety Group is trying to use social media to grow their communication with the community.

Schneider reported that the Fire Department would continue to install smoke detectors in residences within the community. He advised that the Fire Department strives to install the detectors in 225 residences each year.

Schneider announced that Code Administration had focused on code compliance of mobile homes. Code Administrator Joe Berkich stated that the Zoning and Planning Commission had also been working hard on updating the Zoning Districts.

Councilman Garner commended the Public Safety Group and advised that public safety within the community had improved over the past year.

Mayor Carr expressed that the numbers based off the Citizen Survey increase year after year.

VAPING DEVICES

City Administrator Michael Schumacher reported that he attended a meeting where the Lebanon School District advised that there had been an issue with vaping devices. Schumacher explained that there was an increase in substances for vapes, such as Delta vape oil. Schumacher explained that Delta turned into THC when the heating device was activated, which in result, made the vape user under the influence of THC. He expressed that anyone over the age of 18 was allowed to buy this oil. He proceeded to discuss with Council the age requirements for this device.

Councilman Eldridge asked if the state law for this vape oil is 21 or older. Schumacher replied that he was uncertain if the current state law for purchasing this device was 21 years of age.

Council advised Schumacher that they would want more research to be done but would be willing to look at the possibility of changing the purchasing age of these type of devices for the City of Lebanon.

GAMES OF CHANCE

City Administrator Michael Schumacher reported that he had spoken with City Counselor Chris Allen, who researched these particular gaming machines. Schumacher said that it would be up to the City Prosecutor as to whether the businesses that house such gaming machines would be prosecuted. Schumacher gave Council a draft Resolution. The purpose of the Resolution would be a document that would be sent to the State asking for an answer as to whether the machines were legal or illegal. The Council agreed to move forward by sending a Resolution to the State for clearer guidance.

Councilman Wall explained that, at the Zoning and Planning Meeting, City Counselor Chris Allen stated one City had gone to prosecute these machines and the machines were removed from the facility.

Councilman Eldridge expressed that the State needs to decide whether it is legal or illegal and not leave it for the City level to decide.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

City Administrator Mike Schumacher stated the City had been accepting a grant each year for Household Hazardous Waste. The Household Hazardous Waste was currently free to residents of Laclede, Camden, and Miller counties. He advised Council that the City of Lebanon currently housed the HHW collection facility; however, Osage Beach and Camdenton expressed interest in moving the collection facility to one of their locations.

Schumacher then expressed the City had partnered with Laclede Industries for numerous years for Recycling Services. He advised that an Ordinance would come before Council to continue the agreement. Along with this, he expressed the future goal would be to add

industrial dumpsters periodically in various areas of Lebanon for residents to discard unwanted items. He also stated City staff would look into pricing with City of Lebanon's preferred trash provider, Republic Services, for a Saturday pick up throughout the City.

Councilman Jordan advised that Lake of the Ozarks Solid Waste Management District Region T would continue their discussion regarding the HHW.

Councilman Eldridge expressed how pleased he was with the discard process at Public Works. He stated that residents get through the line and that there had always been great turnout for the number of residents who come through.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

City Administrator Mike Schumacher- advised Council that the Recodification Draft Book had been completed. The Recodification Draft Book was handed to each Councilmember, along with a spreadsheet with a breakdown of changes to each Chapter from the Directors. He expressed to Council that City Clerk Laina Starnes had met with each Director and went through the chapters. He asked Council to review the book and changes that had been made by the next City Council meeting on July 25, 2022, where City Clerk Laina Starnes would be presenting the changes. Schumacher complimented City staff on the time spent and hard work to complete the Recodification.

Councilmen Eldridge commended the hard work that had been put into the Recodification Project.

Councilwoman Mitchell asked City Administrator Michael Schumacher where the Finance and Personnel Policy was. Schumacher replied to Mitchell advising her that the Finance and Personnel Policy will be taken out of the Code of Ordinances; however, the policies would be available.

Mayor Carr advised Council that the Citizen Survey would be discussed closer to the Council Retreat. Councilwoman Mitchell suggested to have a paper copy of the survey handed out to each Council Member.

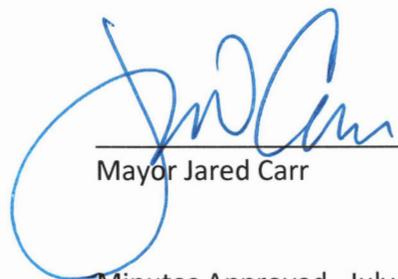
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Carr declared the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Laina Starnes



Mayor Jared Carr

Minutes Approved July 25, 2022