

CITY OF LEBANON
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
August 12, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Council of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Work Session on August 12, 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, Public Works Director Richard Shockley, Police Chief Jerry Harrison, Fire Chief Sam Schneider, Finance Director Kat Gill, Human Resource Manager Kathy Milliken, Tourism Director Rebecca Rupard, Code Administrator Christina Wagner, Electric Superintendent Travis Long, Communications Manager Derek Gean, Downtown Executive Director Sarah Angst, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Laina Starnes, and City Counselor Chris Allen.

VARIOUS TAXES

City Administrator Mike Schumacher opened the discussion by reminding the Council that they had passed an ordinance to place prohibiting the sale of recreational marijuana within the city limits on the November ballot. He asked if they might want to reconsider doing so since the funds generated from the sales were having a significant positive impact on drug abuse prevention and education with the Police Department and the Laclede County Treatment Court. After discussing briefly, the Council gave Schumacher direction to place an ordinance on the next agenda repealing the ordinance they passed to place prohibiting sales on the ballot.

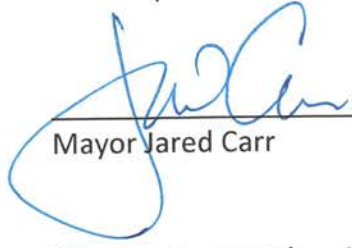
Schumacher then provided the Mayor and Council with an election calendar for the next three years. He stated that staff needed direction so they could schedule the next capital improvement tax and transportation tax renewal elections. He also touched on the fact that several of them had expressed interest in placing an increase in lodging tax on a future ballot as well as trying again to pass a use tax. With regard to the use tax conversation, Schumacher expressed that tying the tax to a project could increase the chance of voters passing the tax. He then shared ideas that had been discussed regarding building a public safety training facility as well as a one stop shop for housing nonprofits. Following this discussion, the Council stated they would like to place the use tax on the April 2025 ballot. To allow the Council to think about the scheduling of the other taxes, they decided to continue the conversation during the next work session meeting.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Carr declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Mayor Jared Carr

ATTEST:



City Clerk Laina Starnes

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