

CITY OF LEBANON
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
November 4, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Council of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Work Session on November 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lebanon High School Cafeteria located at 777 Brice Street.

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Upon roll call, the following Officers were present: Gib Adkins, Ken Eldridge, Sheila Mitchell, LeAnn Mather, Randy Wall, Chuck Jordan, Bob Garner and Mayor Carr. Absent: Jonathan Reagan.

A quorum was declared.

Councilman Reagan joined the meeting shortly after the roll call.

Staff members and others in attendance: City Administrator Mike Schumacher, Public Works Director Richard Shockley, Parks Director John Shelton, Communications Manager Derek Gean, and Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Laina Starnes.

There were several school officials present which included School Superintendent Dr. Schmitz, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Brad Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent Laura O'Quinn, Director of Communications Jacy Overstreet, High School Principal Kevin Lowery, and teachers Stephanie Hasty and Jill Ambrose.

LHS STUDENTS-YOUTH FOCUSED PROPOSED CITY PROJECTS

Mayor Carr opened the meeting by asking students to grab some pizza furnished by the City. Once everyone was settled, he asked members of the City Council to introduce themselves and then began explaining how this project of the City working with the students got started. Mayor Carr shared that a list of 25 projects was created by a group of sophomore students and then voted on by other LHS students. The projects were then reduced by the City, taking into consideration their feasibility and if they could realistically be done. The updated list was then distributed to the students for a final vote. From that final vote, Mayor Carr reported the students wanted a skatepark, downtown murals, sidewalks from Break Time to the high school, improvements to Boswell Pool, more crosswalks, a roundabout at the intersection of Elm Street and Cowan Drive (near Mercy Hospital), and a sand volleyball court. He stated it was his hope to see some of these projects completed by the end of the school year and then turned the floor over the City Administrator Mike Schumacher.

City Administrator Mike Schumacher reported that the Downtown Business District Advisory Board was very engaged and would love to see some murals in the downtown area. He said they would like to continue working with the students to refine their mural ideas, which included interactive murals for Instagram picture postings. During this time, Schumacher also shared that the City and the Downtown Business District was

working to place the downtown logo on the water tower located in that area to help with branding.

Public Works Director Richard Shockley then took the floor and explained that constructing a sidewalk along Hwy 64 or Hwy 5 wasn't feasible due to large ditches, right-of-way issues, and ADA compliance issues. He did, however, share that for approximately \$40,000, the City could construct a sidewalk along Adams Street to Brice Street, which would allow students to travel safely by foot from Break Time to the high school. He then shared the process the City would need to go through to make this a reality. That process included surveying property, identifying right-of way, engineering, Council approval and communication to the public.

The floor was then turned over to Parks Director John Shelton. Shelton said, of the park projects of on the list, the sand volleyball court was the lowest hanging fruit and he suggested locating it at Boswell Park. Ms. Hasty stated she could resurvey the students to see where they would like to see it located. Shelton then shared there wasn't any additional funding for a skate park but said the skate park formerly located at the old Nelson Park was being relocated to Gasconade Park. Then, regarding wanted improvements at Boswell Pool, Shelton said changes were on the radar but amenities such as a lazy river and a zero-entry pool would cost around \$2.5 to \$3 million dollars and funding was an issue. A discussion commenced between Shelton, the City Council and students. Questions regarding fundraisers, pool closings, and grants were posed. During this time Shelton reported that the pool typically loses \$25,000-\$40,000 annually. Councilwoman Mather then shared that having a pool was considered a quality of life issue.

Mayor Carr closed the meeting by stating he wanted to get the sidewalk project going and would try to keep the students in the loop where their suggested projects were concerned. He thanked the high school for hosting the special work session with the students, said he was very excited about the proposed projects, and said he hoped they learned more about City government. Councilman Jordan urged them to stay involved because the decisions that City Council make would be inherited by the students.


ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Carr declared the meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Laina Starnes



Mayor Jared Carr

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