

MONDAY, MAY 23, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Council of the City of Lebanon, Pa., was held in Council Chamber of the Municipal Building, Lebanon, Pa., this evening, Chairperson Parker presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present—Mr. Carey, Mr. Matula, Mr. Wertz, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Parker, Chairperson.
Absent--none.

Also present were Mayor Sherry L. Capello; Donna Long Brightbill, City Solicitor; Duane Trautman, Fire Commissioner; 11 persons in the audience; and one member of the news media.

The minutes of the April 25, 2016, City Council meeting were presented by the City Clerk. There being no corrections, deletions or additions, the minutes were approved as presented.

Chairperson Parker announced that Council received a budget report for the period January 1 through April 30, 2016.

Director of Administration-Assistant to the Mayor Debra Gates provided an update on the Lauther Memorial Water Complex, as follows:

- In 2015, the pool was losing 4-6 inches of water daily due to leaks. Repairs were completed on May 20, 2016 by DG March and Associates.
- The repairs included rewelding 23 water returns; repairing a crack in the wall at the island; repairing two bad welds in the gutter system; and minor repairs to the joints on the deck.
- A new tile band was installed under the gutter system.
- Cracks in the pool shell were repaired.
- A stainless steel gutter at the in depth entry was moved so it is will be flush with the zero depth entry to allow the gutter to be cleaned.
- Main drain grates were replaced to be safety compliant with the VGB Act
- The plaster floor of the pool was patched. The average life for a pool floor is 10 years.
- The wall target, racing lane, safety line and floor/wall tile bands were re-grouted.

Ms. Gates reported that two major items to be considered for the future are the installation of a liner in the pool and repairs to the deck.

Mayor Capello reported that the average annual revenue for the pool is \$48,000.00 and expenses, to date, were more than \$60,000.00

Councilmember Matula asked if major repairs to the pool have been made in the past to which Ms. Gates reported that the last major renovations to the pool were completed in 2005.

Ms. Gates reported that this year there have been some challenges in recruiting pool staff. She added that it is a challenge being faced by pool operators nationwide.

Mayor Capello reported that Vinny's Good Times has ceased operation immediately. She thanked City Solicitor Donna Long Brightbill for her hard work in negotiating the agreement with the owner of the bar.

Patrice Royer, 521 Canal Street, Lebanon, reported numerous instances of double parking throughout the city. She complained that the Lebanon Police Department is not issuing tickets to the operators of the vehicles and it is resulting in negative remarks about the city.

Ms. Royer also addressed Council about window tinting in vehicles. She reported that it is against the law; however, the Lebanon Police Department does not enforce this law.

Ms. Royer thanked Mayor Capello and the staff for their efforts in the cleanup of the property at 409 North Ninth Street, Lebanon.

Allen Dale, 226 East High Street, Lebanon, reported that double parking is also a problem on the south side of the city.

Councilmember Wilson reported that following the Pre-Council meeting on May 19, 2016, he received photos of persons on mini-bikes in the vicinity of Ninth and Mifflin Streets. He stated that the neighbors are reporting that this is a daily occurrence.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

CHERYL J. GIBSON, Clerk