MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 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. Wertz, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Parker, Chairperson. Absent--Mr. Matula.

Also present were Mayor Sherry L. Capello; Chief of Police Todd Breiner; City Solicitor Donna Long Brightbill; Director of Administration-Assistant to the Mayor Debra J. Gates; Fire Commissioner Duane Trautman; 13 persons in the audience; and 2 members of the news media.

The minutes of the July 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 July 31, 2016.

Chief of Police Todd Breiner provided an update on the Police Department. Chief Breiner reported that complaints on bicycle activity increased in June and July compared to the same period in 2015. The Lebanon Police Department issued warnings to most violators; however, some bikes were impounded and there was also a DUI arrest. In addition, bicycle safety was promoted through various media outlets. There were numerous calls of juveniles on bikes at Monument Park beginning in May.

Chief Breiner announced that beginning August 23, bike licenses will be issued by the Lebanon Police Department. The Department will continue to address complaints and hopefully, reduce the number of complaints in the upcoming months. Chief Breiner reported that most bikes were not licensed and remained impounded until the ownership could be verified.

Mayor Capello announced that the city is working with the Lebanon County Bicycle Coalition to organize a bike rodeo in the future.

Councilmember Wilson stated that kids are asking for suggestions of where to ride other than the trail. Chief Breiner replied that they can ride on the street, but they have to follow the law.

Chief Breiner urged residents to get bikes licensed. The cost is $2 per year and officers will discuss bike safety with the kids when they report for the license.

Patrice Royer, 521 Canal Street, Lebanon, thanked Chief Breiner for his efforts in addressing this issue.

Joe Elder, 221 Pershing Avenue, Lebanon, asked what the amount of bike theft in the city is. Chief Breiner replied that he doesn't have a firm number. He explained that many bike thefts go unreported.

Chairperson Parker announced that Council received a communication from Councilmember R. Anthony Matula, submitting his resignation from Lebanon City Council effective upon acceptance by Council. On motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Wertz, the resignation was accepted with regret. Mr. Parker stated that Mr. Matula volunteered many hours to raise funds for the police canine fund and during his tenure he made a solid contribution to the City of Lebanon.

Chairperson Parker announced that any person interested in filling the vacancy on Council should submit a letter of interest and resume or curriculum vitae no later than September 6, 2016. Public interviews of the candidates will be held at a special meeting scheduled for September 14 at 6:30 p.m. Council will subsequently act on fulfilling the vacancy at a special meeting scheduled for September 19 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Carey introduced Resolution No. 17, as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF LEBANON COUNTY REQUESTING $25,477.00 IN FINANCIAL AID FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CITY STREETS, AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR SAME.

WHEREAS, the undersigned Municipality desires to take advantage of the Act approved June 1, 1945, P.P. 1242, and as provided in the Act approved May 18, 1945, P.L. 803, permitting counties of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to appropriate and expend monies for the improvement and maintenance of state highways and state-aid highways or any public highway in any county of the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that we, the officials of the City of Lebanon, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, in regular session assembled on this twenty-second day of August, 2016, do hereby make application to the County Commissioners of Lebanon County for an allocation of County Liquid Fuels Tax Funds in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars ($25,477.00) to be used in the improvement of the following:

a. Maintenance of various streets within the City to include pothole repairs, line painting, marking of signalized intersections and crosswalks.

It is certified by the Municipality and the officers who execute this application that all materials used and work done hereunder shall conform to the current Pennsylvania Department of Transportation specifications, or specifications approved by the Department, and that all work will be done within the legal right-of-way or with permission of the abutting property owners.

Resolution No. 17 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Carey, seconded by Mr. Wertz. Yeas--Mr. Carey, Mr. Wertz, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Parker, Chairperson--4; nays--none.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

CHERYL J. GIBSON, Clerk