

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 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. Morales, Mr. Wertz, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Parker, Chairperson.  
Absent--none.

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

Mayor Capello presented a proclamation on behalf of Lebanon City Council, to Cheryl Hiester, Executive Director of the Literacy Council, proclaiming the week of September 22 through October 1, 2016, as National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week in the City of Lebanon.

The minutes of the August 22, September 14, and September 19, 2016, City Council meetings 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 August 31, 2016.

Chairperson Parker announced that Council received the following communications:

- a. Mayor Sherry L. Capello, informing Council of the reappointment of James Fick, 1608 Berry Lane, Lebanon, to the City of Lebanon Planning Commission for a four-year term, effective September 14, 2016.
- b. Debra J. Gates, Director of Administration-Assistant to the Mayor, transmitting notice of the 2017 minimum municipal pension plan contributions (Police - \$629,410; Fire - \$192,543.00; Non-Uniformed - \$0).

Michelle Hawk, Director, Lebanon Community Library, provided an update on the services provided to the community in the past year. She reported that the value of services provided to residents was \$1.4 million. The library provides free computer access, WIFI, programs for children and adults, and IT assistance. In addition, the library offers a variety of classes at no charge to residents. Ms. Hawk thanked Council for its support of the library.

Jerry Kalinoski, 412 Weidman Street, Lebanon, gave a presentation on trash and litter in the vicinity of his neighborhood. He expressed his concern for the image of the city when there is an accumulation of trash and litter in the streets and sidewalks. He said he that he takes pride

in his property and neighborhood; however, there is a group of individuals that do not care about the image of the neighborhood. He told Council that he owns and operates a photography studio at the rear of his property and he has lost clients as a result of the people hanging out at the adjoining property. He urged the Mayor and staff to issue citations rather than warnings for accumulation of trash and litter. He also suggested that a separate line item be included in the budget to track fines collected for violation of the ordinances regulating trash and litter. Mr. Kalinoski told Council that he would like to see the implementation of a zero tolerance for violators.

Councilmember Wilson stated that he has noticed the storage of dumpsters in the front of homes when there is clearly enough space to have the dumpsters stored at the side or rear of the property as required in the ordinance. He also suggested that tenants should be held accountable for violation of the ordinances addressing trash.

Council Chairperson Parker suggested that perhaps Council needs to review the ordinances addressing dumpsters, trash, and litter.

John Bower, 503 Cumberland Street, Lebanon, stated that the problem with trash has gotten worse and he suggested engaging in a maintenance contract to have it removed.

Mr. Kalinoski asked if the budget for the Business Improvement District program includes funding for additional trash receptacles. Mayor Capello replied that there is funding for ambassadors to pick up trash. Mayor Capello added that the Department of Public Safety has gotten more strict when enforcing the trash and weed regulations. She added that Fire Commissioner Trautman and the Code Enforcement Inspectors are scheduled to attend a meeting of the Rental Property Owners Association to address this issue.

Jen Rill, 229 Walnut Street, Lebanon, reported that she has been dealing with the issue of trash accumulation attracting animals in a neighboring yard. She reported that a Code Enforcement Inspector responded to her complaint, but the problem still exists. Mayor Capello responded that citations were issued in the past 1-2 weeks and the hearing is being scheduled.

Lori Boyer, 1019 Mifflin Street, Lebanon, reported that there is trash stored in the yard at 1017 Mifflin Street. She further reported that the property owner replaced the sidewalk without obtaining a permit.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

CHERYL J. GIBSON, Clerk