

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2018

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 Carey presiding.

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

Present--Mr. Morales via teleconference, Mr. Parker, Mr. Wertz, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Carey, Chairperson. Absent--none.

Also present were Mayor Sherry L. Capello; Chief of Police Todd Breiner; Donna Long Brightbill, City Solicitor; Robin L. Getz, Director of Public Works; Melissa E. Quinones, Director of Administration-Assistant to the Mayor; Duane Trautman, Fire Commissioner; eight persons in the audience; and one member of the news media.

The minutes of the September 24, 2018, City Council meeting were presented by the City Clerk. There being no corrections, deletions or additions, the minutes were approved as presented.

Chairperson Carey announced that Council received a budget report for the period January 1 through September 30, 2018. Mayor Capello reported that 75 percent of the fiscal year is completed; revenues are at 92 percent; and expenditures are at 64 percent.

Chairperson Carey announced that Council received the following communications:

- Pa. Auditor General Eugene DePasquale, transmitting the compliance audit report of the City of Lebanon Non-Uniformed Pension Plan for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017.
- Pa. Auditor General Eugene DePasquale, transmitting the compliance audit report of the City of Lebanon Paid Firemen's Pension Plan for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017
- Pa. Auditor General Eugene DePasquale, transmitting the compliance audit report of the City of Lebanon Police Pension Plan for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017

Mayor Capello reported that the audits confirmed that the plans are administered in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies. She explained that the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan was established in 1964 and is completely funded; the Paid Firemen's Pension Plan was established in 1961 and is 89 percent funded; and the Police Pension Plan was established in 1932 and is 78 percent funded. She added that the City of Lebanon's distress level is 0.

Mr. Wertz introduced Resolution No. 16, as follows:

ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM BARBACANE THORNTON & COMPANY, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, FOR AUDITING VARIOUS CITY ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2018, WITH OPTIONS TO EXTEND THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020.

Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, That:

SECTION 1. A proposal dated September 12, 2018, from Barbacane Thornton & Company, 200 Springer Building, 3411 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810, for auditing various city accounts for the years 2018, 2019, and 2020, at an annual fee not to exceed Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000.00), is hereby accepted, subject to the annual review and recommendation of the City Council, the satisfactory negotiation of terms and the annual availability of an appropriation.

Resolution No. 16 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Wertz, seconded by Mr. Parker. Yeas--Mr. Morales, Mr. Parker, Mr. Wertz, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Carey, Chairperson--5; nays--none.

Mayor Capello reported that the proposal submitted from Barbacane Thornton and Company reflects a decrease in the annual fee for the audit of fiscal year 2018. The fee for the audit of FY 2017 was \$32,800 and Barbacane Thornton and Company proposed a fee of \$32,000 for FY 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Mr. Parker called up Bill No. 5 on final reading, the title of which is as follows: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION SECTION 930.04, "SEPARATION OF RECYCLABLES", OF ARTICLE 930, "RECYCLING", OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, PA., TO REVISE THE LIST OF RECYCLABLES".

Mayor Capello gave a brief synopsis of recyclables that will still be accepted, as follows:

- Plastic jugs or bottles with openings smaller than the base;
- Clear, brown, and green glass containers;
- Aluminum cans, steel/bi-metallic cans;
- Flattened corrugated cardboard (must be clean of food debris)
- Newspaper (must be dry)

Mayor Capello reported that office paper will no longer be accepted for curbside recycling. However, office paper will be accepted at the City of Lebanon's Recycling Center on Lehman Street.

The trash haulers will be tagging trash cans and notifying customers if the recyclables were not prepared properly.

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Bill No. 5 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Wertz. Yeas--Mr. Morales, Mr. Parker, Mr. Wertz, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Carey, Chairperson--5; nays--none.

Councilmember Morales reported that at the Pre-Council meeting he proposed that Council meetings be videotaped and posted to social media. He is attending a conference and attended a session regarding social media. He learned that any live streaming or recording of public meetings must include closed captioning or signing to facilitate the hearing impaired audience.

Robert Reist, 1111 Guilford Street, Lebanon, distributed a copy of Codified Ordinance Section 511.03 which he feels is applicable to issues he raised at last month's meeting about recreational vehicles and trucks parking on the street. Mr. Reist also distributed a copy of a proposed ordinance in Cornwall Borough prohibiting parking of trucks and recreational vehicles on the street.

Mayor Capello stated that in response to the issues raised by Mr. Reist at last month's meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee has been researching parking restrictions in other municipalities, as well as, reviewing the current ordinance. At the present time, the Committee is determining if a traffic study is required before implementing changes to the ordinance. If so, the City Engineer will be engaged to complete a traffic study.

Mr. Reist reported that according to a newspaper article, Lititz Borough received \$500,000 from a government agency for the rehabilitation of its community pool. He suggested city officials solicit funding from government agencies for the restoration of the pool at Coleman Memorial Park. Mayor Capello explained that the pool is 85 years old and renovations have been made in the past through grants received from state agencies. Councilmember Wilson added that the pool has been discussed at several meeting and there are many costs associated with the rehabilitation of the pool. Councilmember Wilson added that Mayor Capello and Council are exploring alternatives, one of which is a partnership with the YMCA for the construction of a community pool on grounds owned by the YMCA.

Chairperson Carey stated that he understands Mr. Reist's concerns. He offered to meet with Mr. Reist to discuss the background of the pool discussions that have been held in the past several months.

Mr. Reist reported that he continues to clean up in the neighborhood and his neighbors have also joined in to pick up trash and litter. Chairperson Carey thanked Mr. Reist for his commitment to keeping the neighborhood clean.

Dawn Fenstermacher, 34 Walnut Street, Lebanon, stated that the City of Lebanon Authority's project to repair water main lines is scheduled to begin on Walnut Street. She raised her concern about the timing of the project as Walnut Street is a Snow Emergency Route. She asked how the city is proposing to conduct leaf collection and snow removal. Mayor Capello replied that her staff has the same concerns and a meeting with the contractor and representatives of the City of Lebanon Authority is scheduled for tomorrow.

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Mrs. Fenstermacher also reported that during the past weekend, drivers were speeding and vehicles were backfiring in her neighborhood.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

CHERYL J. GIBSON, Clerk