

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2019

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, 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; 14 persons in the audience; and 2 members of the news media.

The minutes of the July 22, 2019, 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 July 31, 2019. Mayor Capello reported that 58 percent of the fiscal year is completed; revenues are at 71 percent; and expenses are at 45 percent

Mayor Capello provided an update on First Aid and Safety Patrol (FASP). She reported that on July 29, 2019, the City and Wellspan hosted a meeting with representatives of FASP and representatives of partnering municipalities. With the exception of Annville Township, each municipality was represented. She added that FASP representatives addressed concerns that were raised in the past ten months. She stated that as business leaders and community leaders, we need to also consider the economic vitality of the community as a whole. She reported that the hospital is a major anchor in the community and is the No. 1 employer in the City and the No. 3 employer in the County. In addition, when people are considering moving to an area, a local hospital is a factor in their decision.

At the meeting of July 29, 2019, the response times of FASP were reviewed. The average response time in 2018 was 8.07 minutes; and in 2019, the average response time was 8.38 minutes. In addition, the volume of calls for 2019 is pacing with the number of calls for 2018.

The partnering municipalities have discussed a condition that contributions be used for capital purchases and both Wellspan Hospital and FASP were in agreement. FASP proposed to provide monthly financial reports and attend an annual meeting of the governing body of each municipality. There was discussion of forming a Council of Governments (COG). The formation of COG will be discussed in more detail at an upcoming manager's meeting tentatively scheduled for September 18.

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The representatives attending the meeting were optimistic that their respective governing bodies would agree to providing financial support for an initial period of three years at \$4.00/per capita in Year 1; \$4.50/per capita in Year 2; and \$5.00/per capita in Year 3 to First Aid and Safety Patrol for capital expenditures to be held in a separate restricted account.

Councilmember Wilson asked when a final decision will be made on the amount of the contribution. Mayor Capello explained that this is a good faith vote and providing that each partnering municipality approves the plan, we will move forward for 2020. She reminded Council that in accordance with state statute, each municipality is required to provide emergency medical services to its residents. Councilmember Morales stated that he also attended the meeting and he felt there was a sense of transparency by FASP representatives.

Laura LaBeau, WLBR Radio, asked if the amount would remain at \$5.00 per capita after year 3 of the agreement. Mayor Capello replied that was not discussed at the meeting. She added that if the state and federal governments change the reimbursement amounts, the amount of the contribution by municipalities may change in future years.

On motion of Mr. Carey, seconded by Mr. Morales, Council authorized the Mayor to proceed with discussion with other member municipalities to develop an agreement for providing financial support for three years at \$4.00/per capita in Year 1; \$4.50/per capita in Year 2; and \$5.00/per capita in Year 3 to First Aid and Safety Patrol for capital expenditures to be held in a separate restricted account. Yeas--Mr. Morales, Mr. Parker, Mr. Wertz, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Carey, Chairperson--5; nays--none.

Mr. Wertz introduced Resolution No. 33, as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LEBANON TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A WINTER TRAFFIC SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2019-2020 THROUGH 2023-2024 WINTER SEASONS.

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor of the City of Lebanon is hereby authorized to enter into and execute a Winter Traffic Services Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the 2019-2020 through 2023-2024 winter seasons.

SECTION 2. A copy of said Winter Traffic Services Agreement is attached to and hereby made part of this resolution.

Mayor Capello reported that Route 422, from 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and Rt. 897, from Walnut Street to the city line are maintained by the Department of Public Works during the winter season. This agreement sets forth the amount of the reimbursement for taking care of the state roads.

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Resolution No. 33 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.

Lisa Brandt, 1110 Guilford Street, Lebanon, told Council about a recent incident where she was assaulted by the tenant next door. She reported that although the tenant is being cited, police have also cited her for the incident. She told Council that when she called 911 to request response by the police, the dispatcher told her she did not have the right to make those types of demands. She further reported that in the past year, the situation with the neighbor has been horrific. She has had grass and stones thrown into her pool, ice thrown in her face, and defamation on Facebook.

Ms. Brandt urged Council to help homeowners with reporting drug activity; respond to homeowners when requested; improve 911 practices; follow up with high alert situations; follow up with landlords after an incident involving their tenant(s); and give rights to homeowners without fear of being charged.

Ms. Brandt stated that homeowners should be able to freely step into their homes and vehicles without being harassed. She added that some homeowners do not want to risk losing their job as a result of pressing charges.

Mayor Capello reported that Ms. Brandt's case has not been adjudicated and we cannot comment. She added that she agrees that all residents have the right to leave their residence and place of work without being harassed. She also added that when there are repeated calls involving a tenant, there is a provision in the ordinance regulating rental properties to allow the City to take action. Also, Jubilee Ministries offers mediation for disputes between neighbors and it has been very successful.

Councilmember Wilson stated that he has seen video of the incident and he suggested Ms. Brandt consider mediation. Chairperson Carey agreed and told Ms. Brandt that there have been success stories with the mediation program.

David Finger, 844 Walnut Crest Drive, Lebanon, stated that Aspen Lane has never had the final paving course. He added that the original developer should have provided a bond and be held responsible for paving. Secondly, since Northwest Elementary School is no longer functioning at Ninth and Maple Streets, Lebanon, he suggested the City consider changing the signs and changing Water Street back to a two-way street as there is not good way to travel east on Maple Street.

Regarding Aspens, Mayor Capello reported that some roadways were accepted by the City without final paving by a previous Administration. The City has been working with the developer; however, prior Administrations did not require letters of credit to guarantee improvements stipulated in the plan were completed.

Regarding the former Northwest Elementary School, Mayor Capello reported that the signs are part of the PennDot permit. There was a possibility another school was going to move

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into the building, so city personnel did not request a change to the permit. A traffic study must be completed to change Water Street to a two-way street and funds will have to be budgeted to complete the study.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

CHERYL J. GIBSON, Clerk