

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 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; Melissa E. Quinones, Director of Administration-Assistant to the Mayor; Duane Trautman, Fire Commissioner; 12 persons in the audience; and 1 member of the news media.

The minutes of the September 23, 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 September 30, 2019. Mayor Capello reported that 75 percent of the fiscal year is completed; revenues are at 91 percent; and expenses are at 67 percent.

Chairperson Carey announced that Council received the following communications:

- a. Barbacane Thornton & Company, transmitting the audit of the City of Lebanon Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2018. Mayor Capello reported that the audit was filed on time with no findings.
- b. Pa. Auditor General Eugene DePasquale, transmitting the compliance audit report of the Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association of the City of Lebanon for the period January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2018. Mayor Capello reported that the audit is conducted by Pa. Auditor General's Office. The report confirms that the VFRA complied with state laws relating to the receipt and expenditure of the funds.
- c. Mayor Sherry Capello, advising Council of the reappointment of William Bishop to the Fire and Police Civil Service Commissions for a four-year term, effective October 1, 2019.
- d. Mayor Sherry Capello, advising Council of the appointment of Recycling Coordinator Robert Meneses, Jr., as the city's representative on the Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority. Mayor Capello reported that Mr. Meneses was recently hired as the Recycling Coordinator and part of his duties are to serve as the City of Lebanon's representative on the Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority.

Mr. Parker introduced Resolution No. 35, as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LEBANON TO FILE A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTION FUND GRANT FOR A STREETScape PROJECT ALONG CUMBERLAND STREET, FROM FOURTH STREET TO TWELFTH STREET, LEBANON.

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 City of Lebanon, Lebanon County, hereby requests a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant in the amount of Two Million Eighty Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$2,080,568.00) from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to be used for a Streetscape Project along Cumberland Street, from Fourth Street to Twelfth Street, Lebanon. The total estimated cost of the project is Two Million Seven Hundred Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$2,704,738.00).

SECTION 2. The Applicant does hereby designate Sherry L. Capello, Mayor, and Cheryl J. Gibson, City Clerk as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Lebanon and the Pa. Department of Transportation to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

Mayor Capello reported that this is an additional grant for the Streetscape Project in Downtown Lebanon. The previous grant was submitted to the Pa. Department of Community and Economic Development in July and she anticipates DCED will announce the award of the grants next month. In the meantime, the City is submitting a grant application to PennDot to comply with PennDot's deadline for submissions so that we do not miss an opportunity for funding. The City is undergoing a \$25 million resurfacing project. The grant application is for \$2,080,578.00 and the total estimated cost of the project is \$2,704,738.00

Resolution No. 35 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Morales. Yeas--Mr. Morales, Mr. Parker, Mr. Wertz, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Carey, Chairperson--5; nays--none.

Chairperson Carey announced the November meeting dates, as follows:

Wednesday, November 6 – 4:45 p.m. – Budget Hearing
Tuesday, November 12 – 6:30 p.m. – Budget Hearing
Thursday, November 14 – 4:45 p.m. – Special Council Meeting
Thursday, November 21 – 4:45 p.m. – Pre-Council Meeting
Monday, November 25 – 6:30 p.m. – City Council Meeting

Councilmember Wilson thanked the Lebanon Police Department for its participation in the recent Fall Harvest held at the Lebanon Valley YMCA.

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Councilmember Parker asked when Walnut Street will be resurfaced as it is very bumpy. Mayor Capello reported that the full resurfacing will be completed in 2021. She reported that the utility companies are currently working on repairs and they may need to re-do some patches prior to the onset of winter. She added that she believes the utility companies are behind schedule; however, she will confirm with Director of Public Works Robin Getz and will report back to Council.

Councilmember Parker asked what the status is for repairing street lights that are burned out. Chairperson Carey reported that some of the lights have been repaired. He will continue to monitor and report lights that are burned out.

Jeff Tittle, 412 Pershing Avenue, Lebanon, complained that vehicles cannot travel safely on Elm Street between Sixth Street and Seventh Street. He stated that he recently incurred a \$3,000 bill for repairs to his vehicle for damage that occurred when he struck a parked car on Elm Street. He reported that it is a narrow two-way street with parking on both sides, making it difficult for travel. He also noted that the same situation exists on Fourth Street, from Locust Street to Pershing Avenue. Mayor Capello thanked Mr. Tittle for bringing this matter to Council's attention and stated that the Traffic Safety Committee will evaluate both areas.

Andrew Zidik, 307 South 11th Street, Lebanon, asked if the gate at the Green Waste Center has been repaired to which Mayor Capello reported that it was repaired; however, it was broken again this past weekend.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

CHERYL J. GIBSON, Clerk