

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020

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--Mrs. Keller, Mr. Miller, Mr. Morales, Mr. Wertz, 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; 17 persons in the audience; and 1 member of the news media.

On behalf of the City of Lebanon and the Coleman Memorial Park Board of Trustees, Mayor Capello presented a Certificate of Recognition honoring Irwin Siegel for his commitment to Coleman Memorial and the Lebanon community. Mr. Siegel has served as a Trustee on the Coleman Memorial Park Board for more than 15 years, including Recording Secretary, and was instrumental in multiple endeavors to preserve the history of and for the betterment of Coleman Memorial Park for the community.

In the absence of Mr. Siegel, Mayor Capello read his prepared statement expressing deepest gratitude to the Mayor, Departments Heads, City staff with whom he had the pleasure to work so closely, members of City Council, and the Coleman Memorial Park Board of Trustees with whom he has served and continues to serve throughout the past decades. When accepting his first invitation from then-Chair Rosemarie Christianson, he was viewed as being able to further develop the historical component of the Park. He found his niche on the Board serving as Secretary until leaving the area to accept a teaching position in Williamsport. Upon his return to the area, he was greeted by Board Trustee Pat Royer and asked if he would return to the Board and fill the Secretary position. Through his role as Secretary, he worked with the Mayor and other City administrators, and developed an excellent rapport, recognizing that everyone was seeking the same success for the Park. During the past 13 years, under current Park Board Chair Dave Schnoke, the Park has experienced a great deal of success, which we want to see continue through the next 85 years of its existence. He closed by stating that he is humbled to be recognized and, despite his health setbacks, is determined to serve the Park and the City of Lebanon as long as he is able.

The minutes of the December 16, 2019, December 30, 2019, and January 6, 2020, City Council meetings 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 December 31, 2019. Mayor Capello reported that the fiscal year is completed; revenue is at 110 percent and expenditures are at 91 percent, with no deficit. At the present

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time, the City is approximately \$642,000 to the good. Mayor Capello stressed that this is a preliminary statement. She added that account payables will be processed until late February and revenues for earned income tax collected for 2019 will be reversed in late March. Council will not receive another report for FY 2019 until the foregoing items are processed.

Chairperson Carey announced that Council received the following communications:

- a. Mayor Sherry L. Capello, informing Council of the reappointment of Betty J. Eiceman, 621 Orange Street, Lebanon, to the City of Lebanon Authority for a five-year term, effective January 1, 2020. Mayor Capello extended her appreciation for former Mayor Eiceman's dedicated service on the City of Lebanon Authority since 2002.
- b. City of Lebanon Authority, transmitting the FY 2020 budgets for the water and sewer funds. Mayor Capello explained that the City of Lebanon Authority is a city authority and the receipt of the water and sewer fund budgets is standard procedure.

Mrs. Keller introduced Resolution No. 1, as follows:

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE LEBANON COUNTY CODE APPEALS BOARD.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Lebanon has adopted an ordinance to implement the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Lebanon adopted an ordinance authorizing the proper officials to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement and said Intermunicipal Agreement was executed, as provided therein, to authorize the appointment of members to a joint appeals board known as the Lebanon County Appeals Board.

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

SECTION 1. The appointment of the following individuals to the Lebanon County Code Appeals Board is hereby confirmed:

- a. John R. Poff, Chairman
- b. William Smeltzer, Vice Chairman
- c. Patrick Brewer, Secretary
- d. Rick Horst, Alternate Member

SECTION 2. Any resolution or part of resolution conflicting with the provisions of this resolution is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this resolution.

Mayor Capello explained that the Uniform Construction Code became effective in 2004. The Building Code is consistent throughout the Commonwealth. For efficiency, the local municipalities formed a Joint Appeals Board. Recently, Board member Robert Boltz moved to

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Florida; alternate member Patrick Brewer filled the vacancy; and Rick Horst was appointed as an alternate member. She added that Mr. Horst is employed by Landmark Homes as Director of Construction and has more than 40 years of construction experience.

Resolution No. 1 was passed finally on motion of Mrs. Keller, seconded by Mr. Miller. Yeas--Mrs. Keller, Mr. Miller, Mr. Morales, Mr. Wertz, and Mr. Carey, Chairperson--5; nays--none.

Ann Pinka, 2154 Cloverfield Drive, Lebanon, addressed Council regarding the proposed bicycle playground. Ms. Pinka thanked the Mayor and Council, the Coleman Memorial Park Board of Trustees, and the Friends of Coleman Memorial Park for providing the park which is a “treasure” to the community. She stated that she is not opposed to the bicycle playground; however, she has concerns about the mixed use of the Nature Trail. She asked if the Lebanon Hiking Club was consulted about allowing bikes on the trail, whether consideration has been given to the impact on wildlife habitat, who will maintain the trail, and how will use of bikes off trail be enforced. She also expressed her concern of the steep drop-offs in the southeast area of the park.

Ms. Pinka offered the following suggestions:

- Allow more time to review the plan
- Seek public input on the mixed use of the Nature Trail
- Designate a bike lane and connection to the future Rail Trail, and potentially develop bike only trails
- Do not allow e-bikes
- Post “No Bicycles” signs on the Nature Trail
- Restore the sign for the Nature Trail

In conclusion, she stated that there is only one Nature Trail in the park and multiple existing roadways that can be used by bicyclists. She asked that all involved give consideration to keeping the Nature Trail solely for hikers/walkers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m. on motion of Mr. Wertz, seconded by Mr. Miller.

CHERYL J. GIBSON, Clerk