

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 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. Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic the meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

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

Present--Mr. Bost, Mr. Miller, Mr. Morales, Mr. Wertz, and Mr. Carey, Chairperson.
Absent--none.

Also present were Mayor Sherry L. Capello; Chief of Police Todd Breiner; Robin L. Getz, Director of Public Works; Janelle Mendoff, Community and Economic Development Administrator; Melissa E. Quinones, Director of Administration-Assistant to the Mayor; Fire Commissioner Duane Trautman; and one person in the audience.

The minutes of the September 24, September 28, October 13, and October 22, 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 September 30, 2020. Mayor Capello reported that 75 percent of the fiscal year is completed; revenue is at 86 percent and expenditures are at 65 percent. Both revenue and expenditures are performing better than budget. Mayor Capello reported that according to a report published by the Brookings Institute, a non-profit public policy organization in Washington, D.C., the projected decrease in local government income tax is expected to decrease by 4.7 percent in 2020; 7.5 percent in 2021; and 7.7 percent in 2022. She reported that the Paycheck Protection Program and the unemployment compensation insurance had a positive effect on our local economy and Lebanon City's EIT loss is less than 4.7 percent. She reported that the report indicates there will be a variation across the states and the numbers may continue to fluctuate. She added that she will continue to monitor the income and expenses. She reported that all capital projects and larger maintenance projects were put on hold in the 2020 budget and she will continue to monitor the situation in the upcoming months. She added that the capital improvement projects are being included in the 2021 budget and the excess carryover will be utilized to balance the budget.

Chairperson Carey announced that the following communications were received by Council:

- a. Mayor Sherry L. Capello, informing Council of the reappointment of Jerry Kalinoski, 412 Weidman Street, Lebanon, to the City of Lebanon Planning Commission for a four-year term, effective September 28, 2020.
- b. Mayor Sherry L. Capello, informing Council of the reappointment of Jacqueline Parker, Three East High Street, Lebanon, to the City of Lebanon Planning Commission for a four-year term, effective September 28, 2020. Chairperson Carey noted that Mr. Kalinoski has served on the Planning Commission

since 1998 and Mrs. Parker has served since 2011. Mayor Capello added that the city is divided into five zones for planning purposes. Mr. Kalinoski represents District 3 and Mrs. Parker represents the eastern part of the city.

- c. Mayor Sherry L. Capello, informing Council of the reappointment of Robert Okonak, 1554 Oak Street, Lebanon, to the City of Lebanon Police and Fire Civil Service Commissions for a four-year term, effective October 22, 2020. Chairperson Carey thanked Mr. Okonak for his service on the Commission since 1993.

Mr. Morales introduced Resolution No. 19, as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LEBANON COUNTY MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN, NON-SUBSTANTIAL REVISION 2020-2030, PREPARED BY THE GREATER LEBANON REFUSE AUTHORITY.

WHEREAS, the Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority published a Waste Management Plan in March 2000; and

WHEREAS, Act 101 of 1988, the “Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling, and Waste Reduction Act”, and the most recently published Guidance Document prepared by the Department of Environment Protection sets forth requirements to review the data and analysis of the previous plan and to update those areas which require to be updated; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the foregoing requirements, the Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority prepared a Municipal Waste Management Plan, Non-Substantial Revision for the period 2020-2030, dated September 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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. The Lebanon County Municipal Waste Management Plan, Non-Substantial Revision 2020-2030, dated September 2020 is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. A copy of said document is attached to and hereby made part of this resolution.

Mayor Capello reported that in accordance with Act 101 of 1998, the “Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling, and Waste Reduction Act”, the Waste Management Plan for Lebanon County must be reviewed and updated every ten years. The Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority formed a committee to review the plan and some minor revisions were made and presented in the updated plan. She explained that examples of items addressed in the plan include the size of the landfill, the depth of the waste in particular areas, how many years remaining in each area, the room for expansion, etc. She added that waste management also includes recycling because recycling is a diversion of waste.

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Resolution No. 19 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Morales, seconded by Mr. Wertz. Yeas--Mr. Bost, Mr. Miller, Mr. Morales, Mr. Wertz, and Mr. Carey, Chairperson--5; nay--none.

Chairperson Carey made the following announcements:

- November Meeting Dates – budget hearings are scheduled for November 5 and 9; a special Council meeting is scheduled for November 12; the Pre-Council meeting is scheduled for November 19; and the City Council meeting is scheduled for November 23.
- Trick-or-Treat is scheduled for October 29, 2020, from 6:00 p.m – 8:00 p.m.
- Real Estate Taxes – the deadline for paying the base period is October 31.
- Leaf Collection -- collection begins on November 2 and ends the week of December 7 or the first measurable snowfall.
- Yard Waste Center – access cards are available in the Department of Public Works for an annual fee of \$45; renewal is \$35
- Scarecrow Contest – the Downtown Lebanon Scarecrow Contest is underway. The deadline to vote is October 30.
- Free COVID testing – Councilmember Morales reported that a test site is set up at the Lebanon County Fire School through Wednesday. It is open from 7:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. and there is no fee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

CHERYL J. GIBSON, Clerk