

MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Council of the City of Lebanon, Pa., was held in Dixon Council Chamber of City Hall, Lebanon, Pa., this evening, Chairperson Morales presiding.

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

Present--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Martin, Mr. Miller, Mr. Wertz, and Mr. Morales, Chairperson.
Absent--none.

Also present were Donna Long Brightbill, City Solicitor; Bret Fisher, Chief of Police; Robin L. Getz, Director of Public Works; Janelle Mendoff, Community and Economic Development Administrator; Melissa E. Quinones, Director of Administration-Assistant to the Mayor; Chad Yeagley, Incoming Director of Public Works; 3 persons in the audience; and 3 members of the news media.

The minutes of the June 26, 2023, City Council meeting were presented by the City Clerk. There being no corrections, deletions or additions, the minutes were approved as presented.

Chairperson Morales announced that Council received a budget report for the period January 1 through June 30, 2023. Director of Administration-Assistant to the Mayor Melissa Quinones reported that 50 percent of the fiscal year is completed; revenues are at 69 percent; and expenditures are at 35 percent. Overall, performance is better than budgeted in both categories.

Chairperson Morales announced that Council received the following communications:

- a. Mayor Sherry L. Capello, informing Council of the appointment of Fire Chief Aaron Sweitzer to the City of Lebanon Board of Health to fill the unexpired term of Duane Trautman, effective June 27, 2023. The term expires January 5, 2026. Mrs. Quinones stated that in accordance with the ordinance, the Fire Chief serves as a member of the Board of Health.
- b. Mayor Sherry L. Capello, informing Council of the reappointment of Robert Hoffman to the City of Lebanon Zoning Hearing board for a five-year term, effective July 15, 2023. Mrs. Quinones reported that Mr. Hoffman has served on the Zoning Hearing Board since 1981. He is a great asset on the Board and we extend our thanks to Mr. Hoffman for his service. In accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, the appointment must also be confirmed by resolution of the governing body.

Mr. Martin introduced Resolution No. 38, as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LEBANON TO ENTER INTO A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE LEBANON CITY RESURFACING-PHASE 4-CUMBERLAND STREET PROJECT.

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. Lebanon City Council does hereby authorize the submission request for the Department of Transportation to provide up to Two Million Four Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$2,443,000.00) reimbursement to the City of Lebanon for construction costs associated with the Lebanon City Resurfacing-Phase 4-Cumberland Street Project.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Lebanon are hereby authorized and directed to sign Reimbursement Agreement No. R23080013 on behalf of the City of Lebanon.

SECTION 3. Any resolution or part of resolution conflicting with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby repealed so far as the same affects this resolution.

Resolution No. 38 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Wertz. Yeas--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Martin, Mr. Miller, Mr. Wertz, and Mr. Morales, Chairperson--5; nays--none.

Mr. Wertz introduced Resolution No. 39, as follows:

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT HOFFMAN TO THE CITY OF LEBANON ZONING HEARING BOARD FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM, EFFECTIVE JULY 15, 2023.

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's appointment of Robert Hoffman, 949 Summit Street, Lebanon, to the City of Lebanon Zoning Hearing Board for a five-year term, effective July 15, 2023, is hereby confirmed.

Resolution No. 39 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Wertz, seconded by Mr. Miller. Yeas--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Martin, Mr. Miller, Mr. Wertz, and Mr. Morales, Chairperson--5; nays--none.

Mr. Miller called up Bill No. 11, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE USE OF THE GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CENTER AT EIGHTH AND WALTON STREETS, LEBANON.

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

SECTION 1. A fee schedule for the use of the Garbage and Recycling Center at Eighth and Walton Streets, Lebanon, is hereby established, effective August 1, 2023, as follows:

- a. Business Use - \$75.00/month
 - (i) Placement and/or use of the frying oil recycling container – additional \$5.00/month
- b. Residential property possessing more than three (3) units and/or rooms - \$40/month
- c. Residential property possessing three (3) or less units and/or rooms - \$30.00/month
- d. Late fee (assessed on accounts that have not been paid by the tenth day of the month) - \$5.00
- e. Set up fee for each access device - \$5.00 per device
- f. Replacement fee for each access device - \$5.00 per device

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

Bill No 11 was amended since its introduction to change references to “trash” to “garbage” as garbage is defined in the Codified Ordinances.

Bill No. 11 was passed finally, as amended, on motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Morales. Yeas--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Martin, Mr. Miller, Mr. Wertz, and Mr. Morales, Chairperson--5; nays--none.

Craig Gates, 47 Berwyn Park, Lebanon, reported that the Community of Lebanon’s Car and Motorcycle Show will be held on August 20, from 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m. The location has been moved to South Eighth Street in front of the Lebanon County Municipal Building.

Councilmember Martin stated that he has read multiple complaints on social media regarding the utility work, sidewalk replacement, paving, etc. He acknowledged that it may be an inconvenience at the present time, but he is looking for to the city’s future with safer utilities, aesthetically sidewalks and smooth roadways. He stated that Lebanon City is growing and is the place to grow.

Councilmember Morales extended his thanks to everyone who is traveling through the city and dealing with the temporary inconveniences.

Mrs. Quinones announced that National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 2023, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

CHERYL J. GIBSON, Clerk