

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024

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. Potash, and Mr. Morales, Chairperson. Absent--Mr. Maguire.

Also present were Mayor Sherry L. Capello; Chief of Police Bret Fisher; Morgan Madden, City Solicitor; Janelle Mendoff, Community and Economic Development Administrator; Melissa E. Quinones, Director of Administration-Assistant to the Mayor; A.J. Sweitzer, Fire Chief; Chad Yeagley, Director of Public Works; six persons in the audience; and two members of the news media.

The minutes of the April 25, 2024, 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 April 30, 2024. Mayor Capello reported that 33 percent of the fiscal year is completed; revenues are at 47 percent; and expenditures are at 26 percent. She reported that we are performing better than budget in both categories.

Mr. Potash introduced Resolution No. 9, as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, LEBANON COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (AMERICA250PA)

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania legislature and the Governor created AMERICA250PA in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States and Pennsylvania's integral role in that event and the role of its people on the nation's past, present and future; and

WHEREAS, AMERICA250PA hopes to engage all Pennsylvanians and all 67 counties through their many signatures and officially recognized programs, projects and events over the next several years by inspiring future leaders and celebrating all Pennsylvanians contributions to the nation over the last 250 years; and

WHEREAS, by adoption of AMERICA250PA's four pillars of EPIC, we hope to educate, preserve, innovate, and celebrate.

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Chairperson Morales reported that the Friends of Coleman Memorial Park will be hosting its first concert of the Summer Concert Series on June 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Coleman Memorial Park Amphitheater.

Becky Woodhouse, on behalf of the Lebanon County Commission for Women, reported that the Lebanon County Commission for Women combined efforts with the Lebanon County Historical Society to create a women’s history exhibit in October. Groups or individuals can sign up for a tour of the exhibit and museum at lebanoncountyhistory.org.

Cornell Wilson, 27 South Sixth Street, Lebanon, asked which ordinance addresses storage of indoor furniture being stored outdoors, grills, etc. Mayor Capello responded that is addressed in the Property Maintenance Code.

Mr. Wilson reported that a Back-to-School event will be held at the Lebanon High School Stadium on August 3, 2024. He added that 90 percent of the participants are city residents.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

CHERYL J. GIBSON, Clerk

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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 City of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, hereby endorses AMERICA250PA and their mission to educate, preserve, innovate and celebrate every Pennsylvanian in every county; and

SECTION 2. A copy of this resolution be sent to the Lebanon County legislative delegation and AMERICA250PA Commission.

Mayor Capello reported that the Lebanon County Commissioners passed a resolution to honor the country's 250th anniversary. The Semiquincentennial will be celebrated in 2026 to commemorate the founding of our country in 1776. Now is the time to start planning for the celebration and the Lebanon County Commissioners established a Steering Committee and appointed Josie Ames as Chair. Jen Kuzo of Visit Lebanon Valley and Jan Morrissey of the Historical Preservation Trust have been appointed as Co-Chairs. She added that the state has recommended that the focus areas include, but not limited to, agriculture, arts, work force, diversity, education, environment, government, health, history, nature, military, technology, and tourism. Mayor Capello reported that she received a suggestion to include a faith component and she will pass that suggestion along to the Steering Committee. The mission is to educate, preserve, innovate and celebrate the Lebanon Valley and all its rich history that has come before us. Mayor Capello further reported that the Committee held its first meeting in March at the Lebanon Vally Expo Center; a second meeting was held in May; and a third meeting is scheduled for October. The Committee has started to compile a list of ideas and suggestions from committee members and the public. The Committee would really like all municipalities to participate if possible. Mayor Capello reported that the Committee will host a booth at the Lebanon Area Fair on Community Night to inform the public about the celebration.

Councilmember Morales added that during the celebration in 1976, a time capsule was buried at Coleman Memorial Park. He added that the combination for the time capsule is needed. Chris Coyle, *LebTown*, asked if the location where the time capsule is known to which Mr. Morales confirmed that the location is marked.

Resolution No. 9 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Potash, seconded by Mr. Morales. Yeas—Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Martin, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Morales, Chairperson—4; nays—none.

Laurie Funk, Chestnut Street Community Center, 611 Chestnut Street, Lebanon, extended her thanks to the Lebanon Fire Department and the Lebanon Police Department for their assistance in securing the building following a recent call to the Chestnut Street Community Center.

Councilmember Martin reported that Lebanon Christian Fellowship is holding its Fourth Annual Community Day and basketball tournament on June 15 at the South Sixth Street Playground. The event will include food, games, and a 3 v 3 basketball tournament for ages 13-18.