

LEBANON COMMON COUNCIL – MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022

Mayor Matt Gentry; Councilmembers: Keith Campbell, Dick Robertson, Mike Kincaid, Sierra Messenger, John Copeland, Brent Wheat, Morris Jones.

Also present: Legal Counsel Rob Schein and Clerk-Treasurer Tonya Thayer

Mayor Matt Gentry calls the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Everyone is led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Gentry.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call conducted by Clerk-Treasurer Tonya Thayer – Brent Wheat absent.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 28, 2022 MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Kincaid to approve said minutes, 2nd by Councilmember Copeland. Motion carries by a unanimous vote.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH – Mayor Gentry reads the proclamation and declares April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and presents the proclamation to Kassie Frazier, Sylvia’s Place. Kassie explains they have been a part of the community for over 10 years and have become a 501-C3.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY – LFD – CAPTAIN MATT YOUNG, LIEUTENANT SAM DOUGHTERY, FIREFIGHTER SPENCER KEARNS – Chief Chuck Batts introduces the officers and Mayor Gentry swears them in.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2022-08 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, INDIANA, ESTABLISHING A FISCAL PLAN FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF LEBANON, BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA. Ben Bontrager, Planning & Zoning Director explains the Resolution. Attorney Rob Schein reads the Resolution.

Mayor Gentry asks for Public Comment – no one comes forward.

Motion by Councilmember S. Messenger to approve Resolution 2022-08, 2nd by Councilmember Copeland. Motion carries by a unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE 2022-07 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF LEBANON, BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA. Attorney, Rob Schein reads the Ordinance.

Mayor Gentry asks for Public Comment – no one comes forward.

Motion by Councilmember Kincaid to approve Ordinance 2022-07, 2nd by Councilmember Copeland. Motion carries by a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 2022-07 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, INDIANA, APPROVING THE PETITION FOR WAIVER OF UTILITY FEES FOR FORESTAR RELATING TO THE ANGILEE GARDENS DEVELOPMENT.

Melissa Garrard gives a presentation. Rob Schein reads the Resolution.

Mayor Gentry asks for Public Comment – Ed Basquill, General Manager, Lebanon Utilities and Ryan Ottinger, Water Manager, Lebanon Utilities respond and discuss the project. John Susong, Lebanon Utilities also speaks to the matter.

Motion by Councilmember Kincaid to approve Resolution 2022-07, 2nd by Councilmember Jones. A roll call vote is taken with Keith Campbell and Sierra Messenger vote nay, all other members vote yea. Motion carries by a majority vote.

HOUSE BILL 1002 UPDATE – Ed Basquill, General Manager, Lebanon Utilities explains House Bill 1002 was passed to repeal the receipt tax in March and now we need to pass a resolution with the service board and have it before City Council before May 1st. This will lower the customer's bill by about 1.4%

LEBANON UTILITY SERVICE BOARD APPOINTMENT – Councilmember Copeland presents Neil Taylor as re-appointment to the Lebanon Utility Board.

Motion by Councilmember Copeland to re-appoint Neil Taylor to the Lebanon Utility Board, 2nd by Councilmember Campbell. Motion carries by a unanimous vote.

FOOD & BEVERAGE REQUEST - JULY 4TH COMMITTEE REQUEST FUNDS FOR FIREWORKS – John Messenger, Parks Superintendent request \$30,000 for fireworks, the carnival will not be coming this year which used to help subsidize the fireworks. The cost for fireworks is around \$1000 per minute and prices are increasing, and the higher they go the more it cost.

Motion by Councilmember Kincaid to approve the \$30,000 from Food & Beverage Fund in the amount of \$30,000, 2nd by Councilmember Jones. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 2022-09 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, INDIANA, FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION. Fire Chief, Chuck Batts explains this additional is to offset the cost for a skid steer, we had the opportunity to purchase a skid steer through the Parks Department, with the trade-in value of \$24,325 they were turning in. Clerk-Treasurer Tonya Thayer reads the Resolution.

Mayor Gentry opens a Public Hearing – no one comes forward.

Motion by Councilmember Robertson to approve Resolution 2022-09, 2nd by S. Messenger. Motion carries by a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 2022-10 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, INDIANA ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE FROM THE LEBANON REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. Ben Bontrager, Planning & Zoning Director explains there are 2 Resolutions – the first one is to accept property from the Redevelopment Commission and the second one is to turn around and transfer that property to CDC, then the CDC will transfer to the developer. This is 11 or so acres of the old Holiday Inn site which is the keystone piece of property for the development of the field house. Attorney, Rob Schein reads the Resolution.

Mayor Gentry asks for Public Comment – no one comes forward.

Motion by Councilmember Jones to accept Resolution 2022-10, 2nd by Councilmember S. Messenger. Motion carries by a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 2022-11 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, INDIANA TRANSFERRING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO THE LEBANON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Attorney, Rob Schein reads the Resolution.

Mayor Gentry asks for Public Comment – no one comes forward.

Motion by Councilmember Copeland to accept and pass Resolution 2022-11, 2nd by Councilmember S. Messenger. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Kincaid announces the Kiwanis annual Pancake Supper will be held on Thursday, April 14 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. with tickets costing \$8.00, with all the funds going to serve the children of Lebanon.

CLAIMS

Motion by Councilmember Kincaid to approve claims, 2nd by Councilmember Jones. Motion carries by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Councilmember Robertson, 2nd by Councilmember S. Messenger. Motion carries by a unanimous vote.

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2022 at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tonya Thayer, Clerk-Treasurer