

LEBANON COMMON COUNCIL – MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023

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

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

Mayor Gentry calls the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Everyone is led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call – All present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 10, 2023

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

SWEARING IN – LEBANON POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF MORGAN introduces 3 new officers; David Bell is a 10-year veteran from Kokomo Police Dept., Mayor Gentry swears in Officer Bell, Kevin Elliott was a school resource officer here in Lebanon, Mayor Gentry Swears in Office Elliott, Brianna Deckard was a corrections officers, Mayor Gentry swears in Officer Deckard. All 3 new officers thanks Chief Morgan, Mayor Gentry and Council for this opportunity.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2023-12 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-29 FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, INDIANA FOR 2023. Planning & Zoning Director Ben Bontrager gives a brief review of this new position that they are creating called Assistant Planner/Project

Manager. She will help Ben in Planning and Kevin in Engineering with special projects. She will begin next Monday, July 31st with a salary of \$53,000. Attorney Rob Schein reads the Ordinance on second reading.

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

Motion by Councilmember Kincaid to approve Ordinance 2023-12, 2nd by Councilmember Copeland. Motion carries by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

FOOD & BEVERAGE REQUEST – BOONE COUNTY CANCER SOCIETY/BATTLE OF THE BBQ – Executive Director Joy Kaylor Boone County Cancer Society comes before the Council to request \$1500 from Food & Beverage for their annual fundraiser to be held on August 12th. Last year's event was attended by around 2,000 people and raised \$90,000 and helps people with cancer from Boone County.

Motion by Councilmember Wheat to approve \$1500 from Food & Beverage Fund, 2nd by Councilmember Jones. Motion carries by a unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE 2023-011 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA REPEALING AND REPLACING THE ELECTRIC UTILITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RIDER ESTABLISHED BY THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY. Attorney Jeff Jacob Lebanon Utilities is here to discuss repealing and replacing an ordinance that is currently on the books as the economic development rider which was initially passed in 2017. Jacob gives an overview of the Ordinance. Attorney Rob Schein reads the Ordinance on first reading.

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

ORDINANCE 2023-13 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, ESTALISHING THE LEAP LEBANON INNOVATION PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. P & Z Director Ben Bontrager will do an introduction before he turns it over to the Consulting team that prepared the Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan Amendment. Ben is going to do a bit of a combined presentation on this Ordinance and Resolution 2023-15. Scott Alexander, outside counsel for the IEDC comes before the Council and discusses the Ordinance. Mayor Gentry discusses the City's perspective. Aaron Kowalski of MKSK gives a presentation. Attorney Rob Schein reads the Ordinance on first reading.

Mayor Gentry asks for Public Comment – Many people came forward to voice their opinion (please see you tube video for details). Ben and Scott answered as many questions as they could.

RESOLUTION 2023-15 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, INDIANA AMENDING THE 2019 CITY OF LEBANON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO INCLUDE THE LEAP INNOVATION DISTRICT. P & Z Director Ben Bontrager and Aaron Kowalski discussed this Resolution along with Ordinance 2023-13 (above). Attorney Rob Schein reads the Resolution.

Mayor Gentry asks for Public Comment – one person comes forward to voice her opinion.

Motion by Councilmember S. Messenger to approve Resolution 2023-15, 2nd by Councilmember Kincaid. Motion carries by a unanimous vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Sierra Messenger has an announcement regarding Grant Street Construction, she would like to apologize to the residents that live on Grant St. she said the construction company has come up on some unforeseen problems.

Sierra sent out an e-mail to get the ramps that go down, the 4 ft. dip was unacceptable, and she is sorry that this happened.

CLAIMS

Motion by Councilmember Wheat to approve the claims, 2nd by Councilmember Copeland. Motion carries by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Robertson to adjourn, 2nd by Councilmember Campbell. Motion carries by a unanimous vote.

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2023, at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tonya Thayer, Clerk-Treasurer