

MINUTES OF: LEBANON CITY COUNCIL

DATE: NOVEMBER 24, 2008

Council of the City of Lebanon met in regular session on November 24, 2008 in the Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present; Messrs: Aylor, Cole, Monroe, Norris, Rodriguez, Mrs. Flick and Mayor Brewer. Also present was City Manager, Pat Clements, City Attorney, Mark Yurick, Deputy City Manager, Scott Brunka and Deputy Tax Commissioner, Jennie Loxley.

The invocation was given by Mr. Norris. Mayor Brewer asked everyone to remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time Mayor Brewer asked for consideration of Council minutes for the November 11th regular meeting. Motion to adopt the minutes as submitted was made by Mrs. Flick seconded by Mr. Aylor. Roll call vote to adopt was unanimous in favor. Motion to adopt the November 17th work session minutes as submitted was made by Mrs. Flick and seconded by Mr. Aylor. Roll call vote to adopt was unanimous in favor.

Mayor Brewer invited the visitors to address council. Ms. Cheri Brinkman of 832 Oaktree Court, Lebanon, invited Council and the general public to attend the fourth annual Christmas in Warren County, A Community Concert on December 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. She said talented Warren County residents come together to perform at a local church. She has been coordinating this event for four years and each year the participation has increased. Mayor Brewer thanked Ms. Brinkman for her service.

Mr. Larry Stone of 1917 Heritage Run Drive, Lebanon, representing the Warren County Arts Council, addressed Council saying that their organization would like to partnership with the city to build an outdoor venue. He said that soliciting corporate sponsorship would also be a way in which there could be cost sharing.

Ordinance No. 9786 An Ordinance To Make Final Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Lebanon, State Of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2009 was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve the proposed 2009 Operation Budget for the City of Lebanon. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 9786 was made by Mr. Norris seconded by Mr. Aylor. Roll call to adopt was unanimous in favor.

Ordinance No. 9787 An Ordinance Authorizing The Transfers And Reimbursements Established By The 2009 Budget was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation approves the inter-fund transfers contained in the 2009 Operating Budget. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 9787 was made by Mr. Norris and seconded by Mr. Cole. Roll call vote to adopt was unanimous in favor.

Ordinance No. 9788 An Ordinance Amending Section 911.02 Of The Codified Ordinances Providing For Water Use Charges was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve a water rate increase of 6% effective January 1, 2009 and an increase of 6% effective January 1, 2010, as recommended by the September 2008 Water Rate Study. Mr. Clements gave a slide presentation to Council explaining this legislation. He stated that there was no increase to the water rate during 2008 and that the change was needed to maintain the service. There was a lengthy discussion between the members of council. Mr. Cole seconded by Mrs. Flick made motion to table Ordinance No. 9788. Roll call vote to table Ordinance No. 9788 was as follows; Mr. Aylor – yes, Mr. Norris – no, Mayor Brewer – no, Mrs. Flick – yes, Mr. Rodriguez – yes, Dr. Monroe – yes, Mr. Cole – yes.

Ordinance No. 9789 An Ordinance Amending Section 913.03 Of The Codified Ordinances Relating To Sanitary Sewers was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve a sanitary sewer rate increase of 5% effective January 1, 2009. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Again Council discussed this legislation asking questions of the City Manager. Mr. Aylor said that Staff had done an excellent job and that the increase was necessary to maintain the infrastructure in the city. He told his fellow members of Council this had to be done. Mayor Brewer stated that this was a necessity and not a luxury. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 9789 was made by Mr. Aylor and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. Motion to adopt was unanimous in favor.

Ordinance No. 9790 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 133 Of The Codified Ordinances Relating To Employment Provisions was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve an update to Section 133.20 of the Employment Provisions increasing the annual cap for the college tuition reimbursement program from \$3,000 to \$3,500. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 9790 was made by Mr. Norris seconded by Mr. Cole. Roll call vote to adopt was unanimous in favor.

Ordinance No. 9791 An Ordinance Authorizing The City Manager To Execute An Athletic Facilities Utilization Agreement With Lebanon City School District was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation approves an Athletic Field Facilities Agreement with Lebanon City Schools for the joint development and use of an additional baseball/softball field at the Lebanon High School. This new field will be used by school athletic teams as well as local baseball and softball recreation leagues. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Mr. Yurick stated that Mayor Brewer and Mr. Norris would recuse themselves from voting on this piece of legislation. Mr. Cole seconded by Dr. Monroe made motion to adopt Ordinance No. 9791. Roll call to adopt was unanimous in favor.

Resolution No. 9797 A Resolution Adopting The Parks Master Plan was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will adopt the Parks Master Plan, as recommended by the Parks Master Plan Steering Committee. Mr. Clements explained this legislation. Mr. Cole said the Parks board had been working since May on this project. Mrs. Flick and Mayor Brewer commented on the excellent plan and the project involved in the study. Mr. Aylor seconded by Mr. Cole made motion to adopt Ordinance No. 9797. Roll call to adopt was unanimous in favor.

Ordinance No. 9798 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 133 Of The Codified Ordinances Providing For Employment Provisions was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve the addition of the Income Tax Auditor, Grade 4, position to the list of Approved Positions and Titles in Section 133.02 of the Codified Ordinances. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Mr. Cole seconded by Mrs. Flick made motion for this legislation to receive a first reading.

Ordinance No. 9799 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance And Declaring An Emergency was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation approves additional appropriations in the Telecommunications Fund in the amount of \$2,000 to support the cost of vehicle insurance coverage. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Mrs. Flick seconded by Mr. Aylor made motion to adopt Ordinance No. 9799 with emergency language. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

Mayor Brewer asked for the City Manager's report. Mr. Clements advised the community that the City Building would be closed on November 27th and 28th for the Thanksgiving Holiday and that the Holiday Illumination would take place at 6:30 p.m. on November 28th. He stated that there would be a work session of Council on December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. and that the next regular Council meeting would be on December 9th also at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Monroe said the Parks Master Plan was great and suggested that some of the local corporations could sponsor some projects to help off-set the cost. He thanked the visitors for attending the meeting.

Mr. Cole wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Rodriguez also wished the community a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

Mr. Norris stated that there would be free admission to the Friday night basketball game in exchange for canned goods that would go to the needy. He wished Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Mr. Aylor said all should drive safely over the holidays.

Mrs. Flick advised fellow council members about the Christmas dinner schedules for December 10th hosted by the Warren County Municipal League she said the cost had been budgeted but guests would be charged \$17.00. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Brewer said this is the time of year for giving and she had seen school bus drivers collecting goods and she reminded the community that there is a giving tree located in the lobby of the City Building, and due to the hard economic times, there are a lot of names on the tree. She said that the children in her art classes had made the decorations for the City Christmas tree. She asked everyone to keep the Kilburn family in their prayers. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

There being no further business to come before this Council, motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Aylor and seconded by Mr. Norris. Roll call vote to adjourn was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8: 05 p.m.

Passed:

Mayor

Clerk