

MINUTES OF: LEBANON CITY COUNCIL

DATE: October 14, 2008

Council of the City of Lebanon met in regular session on October 14, 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, and City Auditor, Sharee' Dick.

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 September 23rd regular meeting and the October 7th work session. Motion to adopt the minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Norris seconded by Dr. Monroe. Roll call vote to adopt the minutes as submitted was unanimous in favor.

Chuck Duerre', of the Lebanon Police Department, presented Certificates of Appreciation to two neighborhood youths for the help in their neighborhoods during and after the September 14th wind storm.

Mayor Brewer read a Proclamation for American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Mayor Brewer read a Proclamation for Physical Therapy Month.

Mr. Mark Flick thanked City staff for their quick response and cleanup during the September 14th storm. He asked Council to seek funding to fix the railroad bridges.

Ordinance No. 9770 An Ordinance amending Chapter 921 of the Codified Ordinances relating to Lebanon Cemeteries was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve updates to the City's Indigent Burial Regulations. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 9770 was made by Mr. Norris seconded by Dr. Monroe. Roll call vote to adopt was unanimous in favor.

Ordinance No. 9772 An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a 2009 Ford Expedition SUV for the Fire Division was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation approves the purchase of a 2009 Ford Expedition for the Fire Department to replace a 1999 Suburban. The cost of the replacement vehicle is \$33,895. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Mr. Aylor seconded by Dr. Monroe made motion for this legislation to receive a first reading.

Ordinance No. 9773 A Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance and declaring an emergency was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation approves additional appropriation in the General Fund in the amount of \$25,000 to support the cost of contracted grinding of vegetative

storm debris and storm damage repairs to the Harmon Park tennis court fencing; and in the Fire Fund in the amount of \$75,000 to support the cost of increased vehicle and equipment maintenance, restocking of expired supplies and fire retardant “station uniforms” for the Fire Department. Mr. Clement explained the legislation. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 9773 was made by Dr. Monroe seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. Roll call vote to adopt was unanimous in favor.

Resolution No. 9774 A Resolution approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Cooperation Agreement with the Warren County Board of Commissioners relative to the FYI 2009-2011 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program and declaring an emergency was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation approves a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program Cooperation Agreement with Warren County. This agreement will allow the City to participate in a consolidated CDBG application process managed by Warren County. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 9774 was made by Dr. Monroe seconded by Mrs. Flick. After a brief discussion about possible increased funding and State requirements, roll call vote to adopt was unanimous in favor.

Ordinance No. 9775 An Ordinance to accept the final plat of Stone Subdivision was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve the final plat for Stone Subdivision creating a .75 acre lot on Cornett Road, in the vicinity of the ODOT facility on Bypass 48, as recommended by Planning Commission. This lot is intended to be the site of a new self storage facility. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Mr. Aylor seconded by Dr. Monroe made motion for this legislation to receive a first reading.

Ordinance No. 9776 An Ordinance approving the City’s 2008 Membership in American Municipal Power-Ohio was read in title only by the City Attorney. This legislation will approve the City’s 2008 membership in AMP-Ohio in the amount of \$36,213.59. Mr. Clements explained the legislation. Mr. Norris seconded by Dr. Monroe made motion for this legislation to receive a first reading.

Mayor Brewer asked for the City Managers report. Mr. Clements advised that the next work session of Council would be a joint meeting with Planning Commission to discuss the final draft of the City’s Comprehensive Plan on October 20th, the next regular Council meeting would be October 28th and Planning Commission would be October 21st. He reminded everyone that there would be a Crime Prevention meeting on October 29th at 6:30 to update residents and businesses on crime awareness. He said there would be a Downtown Business Halloween Trick-or-Treat on October 25th and Halloween Trick-or-Treat was scheduled for October 31st from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Flick said she had attended the grand opening of Elemental Om on Mulberry Street and stated that it was a very interesting business. She also attended the Fire Departments open house and asked everyone to support the Fire levy.

Mr. Aylor stated that we have a special election coming up and he reminded everyone that voting is not a right it is a privilege and voting should be taken advantage of. He asked everyone to support the City’s Street and Fire levies.

Mr. Norris applauded the recognition of visitors this evening. He reminded everyone that this month is also Hispanic recognition month. He said that Lebanon had approximately 225 students going to Washington D.C. this year and it should be an exciting trip with it being a presidential election year. He reminded everyone to please get out and vote.

Mr. Rodriguez also applauded staff on the storm cleanup. He said he wanted everyone to know that the City was working diligently on the railroad problem and it would be discussed further at the next work session. He advised he felt strongly that the railroad was a major pillar in this community and asked the City Manager to give a brief update. Mr. Clements stated that two of the five bridges on the rail line would require immediate attention and the LM&M had been notified that suspension of their operations would begin January 1, 2009 and that the City would be searching for funding resources for the repairs.

Dr. Monroe asked for everyone to support the Fire Levy and advised that the department closely monitors their budget because they understand their responsibility to save tax payers dollars. He also asked everyone to support the Street Levy as residents ride around town on our bouncy roads. He said that Council and staff would be working hard on finding solutions to the railroad issue. He reminded everyone that there would be a YMCA family harvest pig roast on October 25th that would include a square dance event and the cost was \$10 per family.

Mayor Brewer stated that Council had certainly covered many important issues this evening in their discussions. She asked everyone to be considerate of political signage because she did not want to see any vandalism occurring in this community. She asked that everyone show some respect and common sense in this election.

Passed:

Mayor

Clerk