

**CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

July 7, 2022

6:30 P.M.

1. Mayor Smith opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge.

2. ATTENDANCE

Linda Allen – Present

Linda Burke – Present

Brenda Combs – Present

Maryan Harrison – Present

Bill Madison – Via Zoom

Rolin Spicer – Present

Due to Madison attending remotely he is unable to vote or attend the executive session.

3. PUBLIC HEARING: FISCAL YEAR 2023 TAX BUDGET

Mayor Smith opened the floor to the public.

No public comments.

Mayor Smith closed the floor to the public.

4. GUESTS

Bryan Corcoran, 424 Creekborough Court, South Lebanon, - Chairman, South Lebanon Charter Commission – updated the Council on the Charter Commission as well as supplying 2 handouts showing the Commission’s intended schedule and deadlines. There are 15 members on the Charter; 2 original members have resigned and been replaced. Corcoran plans on updating the Council every 2 months.

Corcoran also updated the Council on the City Clean-up from June 25, 2022. Trash pickup was focused on the area around Kohls and the highway however they also did clean-up around the city. They would like to continue this event 1-2 times a year.

5. Mayor Smith opened the floor to the public.

No public comments.

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NEW BUSINESS

6. RESOLUTION 2022-28, A RESOLUTION APPROVING OF AND AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO SUBMIT THE [INTERIM] TAX BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Tina Williams gave a presentation on the 2023 tax budget. The purpose of the tax budget is for the city and the county auditor to assess our financial health situation and make a determination if we are collecting enough revenue or if a tax levy is necessary and needing to be put on the ballot.

This is not the formal budget at this point. The tax budget is to determine the revenue side of everything and once we receive this back from the county auditor certifying our tax rate we will start the process of our appropriations for 2023. The goal is to present to Council the 2023 budget in October/November.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Burke, seconded by Allen, all yeas. By title only, Resolution 2022-28, a motion to adopt was made by Burke, seconded by Combs, all yeas.

7. AUTHORIZATION OF INVOICES

A motion to authorize the invoices for payment (\$156,140.93) was made by Burke, seconded by Harrison, all yeas.

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting – June 16, 2022

A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Combs, seconded by Allen, all yeas.

9. COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS

Mayor Smith

- a. Currently there are 20 or more projects going on. (ie: water agreements, sewer agreements, lift stations)
- b. Met with the developers for the River Creek Lofts today. Haddix, Boylan, and Mayor Smith will be visiting a similar development in Centerville to see how it has turned out.
- c. The Shell station location is being dismantled and the groundbreaking should be soon.
- d. Council meetings will be moved from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Solicitor Meier will draft a motion for the next Council meeting.
- e. Stated that next year we will have additional staff working the July 4th festivities.

Fiscal Officer Tina Williams

- a. We are expecting the 2nd installment of the American Rescue Plan Grant next week. The money must be used by the end of 2024. This installment is approximately \$245,000.00 for a total grant of approximately \$490,000.00. A big portion of this is allocated to the Pauline Drive Stormwater project which is to be bid out soon.

Administrator Jerry Haddix

- a. We have identified a problem on Zoar Road by Grants Settlement and Grants Frederick subdivisions on the north side of the road. A 42” culvert pipe under the road has failed. (Photos were shown) SiteWORX gave a repair estimate not to exceed on a time and material basis of \$49,640.00 which includes closing the road, replacing the culvert, CDF fill, and asphalt over the top. Notice will be posted next week with work to begin on July 18, 2022.

A motion to have SiteWORX repair the culvert pipe failure on Zoar Road was made by Combs, seconded by Burke, all yeas.

Mayor Smith stated that we will take advantage of the closed road and repair some of the inverted speed bumps on Zoar Road. Haddix commented that we will also use this time to take of the overgrown grass and weeds along the roadway. Repairing the guardrails on Zoar Road will be a separate project as we are awaiting a quote. Mayor Smith stated that there is another area on Zoar Road that needs to be looked at for drainage issues.

- b. We are finishing the easements and design for the Pauline Drive project.

Assistant Administrator Jeff Boylan

- a. Gave an update on the Gov.Deals sales. We have sold a Ford 450 truck as well as a cruiser and still have another dump truck to prep and sell.
- b. Stated that all the guys will be available to work on the Zoar Road site regardless of their department.

Solicitor Andrew Meier

- a. Nothing to report.

Sgt. Corey Adams

- a. Introduced Deputy Charlie Hale stating that he has transferred back to South Lebanon from Deerfield Township. He will be Sgt. Adams’ representative at the next Council meeting as he will be on vacation.

Bill Madison

- a. Nothing to report.

Brenda Combs

- a. Shared that she has been tagged on social media regarding the building of a splash pad for the city.

Corey Reidmiller, 4015 Riley Street, South Lebanon (Hyland Park) - spoke on the interest of putting a splash pad and 9 holes of disk golf in South Lebanon. He stated that he would email pictures of the disk golf course from Middletown and Allen shared that she would bring in paperwork from previous research on a splash pad. Mayor Smith remarked that this could possibly be budgeted for in the future and that he would do some research on it.

Linda Burke

- a. Thanked the City for sending them to the Ohio Municipal League training.
- b. Shared that the July 4 festivities were wonderful; the parade went well, and the fireworks were beautiful.

Linda Allen

- a. Remarked that the July 4 festival was great; it has grown so much.

Maryan Harrison

- a. Stated that we need crosswalks at Rogers Park as well as all over the city. Mayor Smith remarked that we will get that accomplished.
- b. Thanked Sgt. Adams and Deputy Hale for their work.
- c. Thanked Clyde Adkins and everyone involved for their help with July 4.

Rolin Spicer

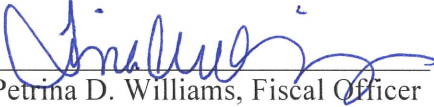
- a. Asked for an update on the possible traffic light at Pike Street and Main Street. Haddix shared that the old lights, controller box, and everything at Corwin-Nixon & 48 are ours. He will find out how much it would be to trade them out for a light that would be appropriate for the Pike & Main location. Discussion ensued with the Council regarding the congestion and options at this location.

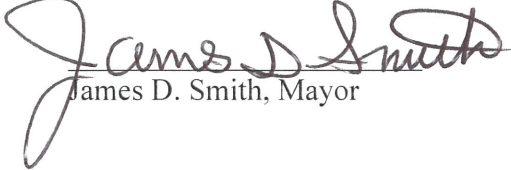
10. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 121.22(G)(1) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, CONFERENCE WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, DISMISSAL, DISCIPLINE, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, OR COMPENSATION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE.

A motion to enter into executive session at 7:20 p.m. was made by Burke, seconded by Allen, all yeas.

A motion to exit out of executive session at 8:45 p.m. was made by Spicer, seconded by Harrison, all yeas.

11. Mayor Smith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Spicer, all yeas.


Petrina D. Williams, Fiscal Officer


James D. Smith, Mayor

For an audio copy of the July 7, 2022 minutes of the City of South Lebanon Council regular meeting, please contact Fiscal Officer at twilliams@southlebanonohio.org.