

**CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

1. Mayor Smith opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge.

2. ATTENDANCE

Linda Allen – Present
Linda Burke – Present
Brenda Combs – Present

Maryan Harrison – Present
Bill Madison – Present
Rolin Spicer – Present

3. GUESTS

No guests present.

4. Mayor Smith opened the floor to the public.

John Chambers - 536 Forest Edge Drive, South Lebanon – provided handouts (www.conventionofstates.com) and spoke on the Convention of States explaining that it is nonpartisan and a way to create amendments to the Constitution through the states. 34 states must agree and sign on and then there would be a convention; in order to have an amendment 38 states must say yes. Currently there are 19 states that have said yes, Ohio is on the cusp. There are 3 amendments they are interested in: a balanced budget, term limits, and less control in Washington DC.

Burke asked what guarantee is there that once this Convention of States is opened that they will stick to those 3 items and not open up the entire Constitution and through it out. Chambers commented that it is very difficult to get states to agree, they could agree to all 3 of these amendments or none of them. He has been told that what is before Ohio is that if they expand beyond these 3 items Ohio would pull their recommendation.

Roger Gibb – 5155 Farmridge Way, Mason – shared that the Resolution before the Senate and House in Columbus explicitly says that if there is any proposition or actions taken to for example alter the Bill of Rights that Ohio rescinds its endorsement of the Convention of States.

Chris Colvin – 1033 Justin Ridge Way, Waynesville – provided information on the nonbinding Resolution that was adopted by Waynesville regarding the Convention of States and further explained what could be gained from this action. The Council was asked for 2 things: to pass a nonbinding Resolution stating that we believe in the principals of this Resolution, and we believe in the process as defined by the Convention of States. Then once the Resolution is passed to declare on official letterhead to our state Representative and Senator that this community has a very deep interest in this topic and we want to see it carried forward.

Mayor Smith closed the floor to the public.

NEW BUSINESS

5. RESOLUTION 2022-42, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO EXECUTE A PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,000.00 FOR THE VETERANS PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT IN THE CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Burke, seconded by Madison, all yeas. By title only, Resolution 2022-42, a motion to adopt was made by Madison, seconded by Combs, all yeas.

6. RESOLUTION 2022-43, FIRST READING, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WARREN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

7. RESOLUTION 2022-44, A RESOLUTION INDICATING THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO 1.003+/- ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON, OHIO, FROM UNION TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Allen asked if this was just for annexation and not promising anything free to which Haddix commented that in the previously passed pre-annexation agreement a complimentary sewer tap had been given.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Madison, seconded by Burke, all yeas. By title only, Resolution 2022-44, a motion to adopt was made by Burke, seconded by Madison, all yeas.

8. RESOLUTION 2022-45, A RESOLUTION REGARDING INCOMPATIBLE LAND USES AND ZONING BUFFER WITH RESPECT TO 1.003+/- ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON, OHIO, FROM ADJACENT LAND REMAINING IN UNION TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Burke, seconded by Madison, all yeas. By title only, Resolution 2022-45, a motion to adopt was made by Combs, seconded by Burke, all yeas.

9. AUTHORIZATION OF INVOICES

A motion to authorize the invoices for payment (\$71,453.26) was made by Madison, seconded by Combs, all yeas.

10. AUTHORIZATION OF SOLICITOR'S INVOICE

A motion to authorize the invoice for payment was made by Madison, seconded by Burke, all yeas.

11. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A motion to approve the financial statements was made by Burke, seconded by Madison, all yeas.

12. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting – October 4, 2022

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

OLD BUSINESS

13. ORDINANCE 2022-24, THIRD READING, AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE HONORARY POSITION OF CITY HISTORIAN AND APPOINTING WILLARD SPICER AS THE CITY'S FIRST OFFICAL HISTORIAN

By title only, Ordinance 2022-24, a motion to adopt was made by Combs, seconded by Burke, five yeas (Spicer abstained).

14. COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS

Mayor Smith

- a. The John Deere Gator has been received and will be used to gain access more easily to areas such as the bike trail.
- b. The Ford F-250 sewer truck has been received and lettered.
- c. The Ford F-750 salt truck is having supply chain issues.
- d. The property at 48/Corwin Nixon Blvd. that the council has previously approved is close to being wrapped up. The area will be green space.
- e. The water garden next to the Veteran's Memorial is looking good.
- f. Other municipalities are looking at our Veteran's Memorial for inspiration on creating their own.

- g. The Charter Commission should be included in the annual Christmas party this year. Possibly have a party during the day for the staff and then in the evening for staff, Council and the Charter Commission. Work will begin on setting this up.
- h. Discussed the water coming off the hillside by McDonald's and how we have re-ditched the line and now have the water routed to the retention pond.
- i. Gave an update on the cleanup around our facilities on Zoar Road.

Fiscal Officer Tina Williams

- a. Nothing to report.

Administrator Jerry Haddix

- a. The 48/Corwin Nixon Blvd. project is wrapping up and we should be getting a final tally on our portion soon.
- b. Leaf pickup started this week in the city; there are 3 zones.
- c. Utility Billing has 230 accounts have been set up for paperless bills so far.
- d. Salt has been ordered and the first load should be delivered tomorrow or Monday.
- e. The HuDawn Annexation on Mason Morrow Millgrove Road should be filed next week.
- f. The County Engineer applied for the Pike Street bridge replacement. Funding will be available the end of next year with construction beginning in 2024. Duke Energy has already begun the planning on rerouting the utilities.
- g. We have been working with the Redwood Subdivision developers on getting the water line extended down Mason Morrow Millgrove Road. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to relocate that into the road. The County Engineer will be closing the Mason Morrow Millgrove bridge on Turtle Creek beginning around November 7 for about 3 weeks so we are going to attempt to install the waterline during that time. The county will reopen the Kings Mills bridge for the winter and then close the Mason Morrow Millgrove bridge from Turtle Creek Road to Columbia Road.

Assistant Administrator Jeff Boylan

- a. Provided a handout showing what items have been sold on Gov Deals from January 1 – September 30, 2022 and mentioned some of the upcoming items yet to sell.

- b. A brief presentation was given on the purposed playground for the Veteran's Park. Prices have been going up since the 2021 design so we may need to cut some options or add more money to the project.
- c. The Ford F-750 will probably have to be reordered in 2023 for a 2024 model.

Solicitor Andrew Meier

- a. Shared that the Charter Commission is still on track except for a couple of miscellaneous items. They should have the Charter completed and then vote on it November 2, 2022. A Special Meeting of the City Council is being requested for November 10, 2022 with the intent of having the Charter Commission at this meeting where they would present the Charter to the Council for the first reading for submission of the Charter to the electorate. This would then allow the Charter to be placed on the ballot for May 2, 2023. If the Special Meeting can be scheduled the second reading would be November 17, 2022 followed by the third reading on December 1, 2022.

Mayor Smith stated that he would like to have photos taken on November 10, 2022 of the Charter Commission and the Charter Commission with the City Council.

There will also be a Special Meeting on October 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for an employee's appeal of disciplinary action previously taken by the Council. The purpose of this meeting is for appellant to present his case on why he thinks the disciplinary action should be changed or overturned.

Sgt. Corey Adams

- a. The order for a 2022 Police Cruiser has been cancelled due to supply chain issues. It is unclear as to when supply will be available as it could be a couple of years.
- b. Gave an update on another incident to where the Flock camera system assisted with an arrest.
- c. Brief discussion regarding a current search for an individual in South Lebanon.

Bill Madison

- a. Requested that Meier read over the information that had been provided regarding the Convention of States.
- b. Has been receiving a lot of positive feedback on the buildings.

Brenda Combs

- a. Nothing to report.

Linda Burke

- a. Questioned if we would be looking into a splash pad to which Boylan remarked that it is more than likely a few years away. Mayor Smith stated that they have been studying different locations and how they created their splash pads.
- b. Shared information on a speeding vehicle on Lebanon Road with no plates.
- c. Stated that we have a larger wagon for the horse parade this year on December 10, 2022. Let her know if you would like to participate.
- d. The Municipal League dinner was last night at Valley Vineyards. It was a good time with lots of information. The speaker was the Executive Director of the Ohio Municipal League, Kent Scarrett.
- e. December 7, 2022 will be the Municipal League Christmas dinner at the Heatherwoode Country Club in Springboro.

Linda Allen

- a. Nothing to report.

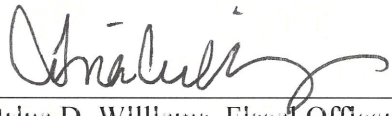
Maryan Harrison

- a. The box for the veteran's candy drive has been delivered to the Municipal Building lobby. The donations will be sent to deployed military personnel.
- b. Everyone is invited to the 1st Baptist Church on November 6, 2022 at 12:00 pm. for their flag ceremony.
- c. Thanked Sgt. Adams for his and the other officers work with the city.

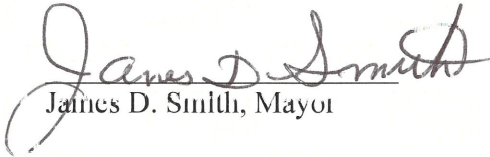
Rolin Spicer

- a. Asked for an update on the traffic lights for Pike Street and Main Street. Mayor Smith stated that we just took possession of the lights from 48/Corwin Nixon Blvd. this past week and we are now talking to different entities to see if we can work something out.

15. Mayor Smith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Allen, all yeas.



Petina D. Williams, Fiscal Officer



James D. Smith, Mayor

For an audio copy of the October 20, 2022 minutes of the City of South Lebanon Council regular meeting, please contact Fiscal Officer at twilliams@southlebanonohio.org.