

**CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 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 – Present
Rolin Spicer – Present

OLD BUSINESS


3. ORDINANCE 2021-43, SECOND READING, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON THE FOLLOWING QUESTION AT THE NEXT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION: “SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER?”

Burke inquired as to Article 18 Section 8 questioning if this is just asking permission to put on the ballot that a commission be formed or is the commission formed on the ballot as well. Andrew Meier, City Solicitor, stated that it is putting the question on the ballot and if the question is answered yes by a majority of the voters, then the people on the commission, who must submit their petitions and be on the same ballot, would all be elected. Meier continued stating that if the voters do not answer the question by a majority yes, and it does not pass, then it does not matter for people who want to be on the commission as there will be no commission established.

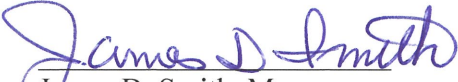
Burke questioned if we have to have a petition pulled and signatures to be ready by February 2nd to which Meier agreed and added that we will need approximately 105 signatures. Meier stated that if any resident of South Lebanon wishes to be on the Charter Commission, then they have to pull the petition, get the required number of signatures, and have that petition submitted by February 2nd. The petitions will be ready to pull after the third reading of this ordinance and its approval. The third reading should be this Thursday, if passed as an emergency it will be effective immediately. Friday it should be delivered to the Board of Elections and once they receive it anyone interested in being on the commission can pull their petition and start collecting signatures. Mayor Smith added that any number of individuals may run but the commission must be made up of 15 individuals. If there are less than 15 then no commission is created and we would default to the statutory city status.

Meier shared that there cannot be any type of event on City property to promote the creation of this Charter Commission.

4. Mayor Smith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Allen, all yeas.



Petrina D. Williams, Fiscal Officer



James D. Smith, Mayor

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