

CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 1, 2023
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.

No public comments.

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NEW BUSINESS

5. ORDINANCE 2023-12, FIRST READING, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$8,250,000 OF TAX INCREMENT REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2023 (RIVERSIDE PROJECT) OF THE CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON, OHIO, UNDER SECTION 5709.40 ET SEQ. OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING A PRIOR (SERIES 2016) ISSUE OF BONDS THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WERE ORIGINALLY USED TO PAY THE COST OF CERTAIN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING A PLEDGE OF AND LIEN ON CERTAIN REVENUES TO SECURE SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, A SECOND AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT AND A BOND PLACEMENT AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Dean Spoor with Thompson Hine was to give a presentation to Council via Zoom however the connection could not be made and will be attempted at the next Council meeting with the second reading.

6. ORDINANCE 2023-13, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF 7.0165 ACRES IN UNION TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, OHIO TO THE CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Madison, seconded by Combs, all yeas. By title only, Ordinance 2023-13, a motion to adopt was made by Burke, seconded by Madison, all yeas.

7. RESOLUTION 2023-23, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING FOR CONSULTING ENGINEER SERVICES REQUIRED FOR THE HOBART STREET COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Madison, seconded by Combs, all yeas. By title only, Resolution 2023-23, a motion to adopt was made by Madison, seconded by Burke, all yeas.

8. RESOLUTION 2023-24, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT #1 TO AGREEMENT WITH CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING FOR THE FOREST AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT PHASE ONE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Combs, seconded by Burke, all yeas. By title only, Resolution 2023-24, a motion to adopt was made by Burke, seconded by Combs, all yeas.

9. AUTHORIZATION OF INVOICES

A motion to authorize the invoices for payment (\$87,477.42) was made by Madison, seconded by Burke, all yeas.

10. COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS

Mayor Smith

- a. Shared personal news including that he became a great grandfather yesterday.
- b. The Veteran's Park sign has been installed. There are plans to raise money and put the city history on the back of the sign via a possible QR code and possibly a mural.
- c. Photos were shown and descriptions given of the Vietnam veteran's bench which is currently being created and will include pictures of our local veterans. Mr. Phipps would also like to donate a Korean War bench to the Memorial in memory of his father.

Fiscal Officer Tina Williams

- a. The 2024 budget process is beginning. July 6, 2023 there will be a public hearing to approve the fiscal year tax budget.
- b. The Finance Committee will be meeting at the end of June to look at our future revenue streams, how much we may have to spend, what our operating expenses are, and what will be left for capital. She suggests that the other committees, such as the Parks & Recreation, meet and come up with ideas/projects they would like completed. If your committee will not be meeting email your ideas to Haddix/Boylan/Williams.

Administrator Jerry Haddix

- a. Pictures were shown from around the city including the progress at Redwood, the Powder Factory area, Vibrant Express/Convenience Store/Sports Bar, the wreath laying on Memorial Day, and the Veteran's Park sign.
- b. The Kings Local Schools Free Lunch program begins next week at the Community Center. The 1st week lunches will be available daily from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. then beginning June 12 to July 26 lunches will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- c. Warren County has started a feasibility study for State Route 48. Beginning this year, they will begin a project at State Route 48 and 22/3. The next phase is a feasibility study between South Lebanon Elementary School and Mason Morrow Millgrove Road. They will have a Community Meeting soon to give the public and stakeholders an opportunity to give their input on the plans.
- d. The Soil and Water Conservation District will have their annual meeting in August 2023 at Hisey Park. We will be receiving the Conservationist of the Year award for our work on the bio-swale project.

Assistant Administrator Jeff Boylan

- a. Gave an update on city street signs stating that we will be replacing and adding many street signs this year.
- b. Currently waiting on the stormwater project going down Broadway Street before we finish painting the handicap spaces.

Solicitor Andrew Meier

- a. Nothing to report.

Deputy Troy Fox

- a. Shared from Sgt. Adams that the 1st warrant hit with the Flock cameras happened a couple of weeks ago and an apprehension was made.
- b. Reminded everyone to call the Sheriff's Office when needed and to not just post things on Facebook.

Bill Madison

- a. Nothing to report.

Brenda Combs

- a. Thanked the City workers, remarking that they have done a lot of work and are making the city proud.

Linda Burke

- a. Asked about where we are at regarding crosswalks to which Mayor Smith shared that they are working on it and it will begin here as soon as they get the two corners replaced.
- b. Questioned if the Purple Heart signs are in the works to which Mayor Smith stated that they have already put one on the new sign at the Veteran's Park; there will be some for the entrances too.
- c. Stated that she had been contacted by a Hamilton Township resident asking if the electric aggregation rate is better than 7.1. Mayor Smith and Haddix responded pointing out that the aggregation had been voted on and passed. Haddix will have a draft at the next meeting of the policies and procedures. There will be a Public Hearing, they will go out to negotiate and put out to bid. The bids will be looked over and then it will come back to the Council. If Council does not feel it is a good deal they do not have to approve it. We do not have the rates yet.

Linda Allen

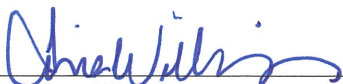
- a. Thanked Mayor Smith, Haddix, and Combs for the City Promotion meeting today with Rich Bertagna from the Lebanon Area Chamber of Commerce.
- b. Thanked the City workers for working out in the heat.

Maryan Harrison

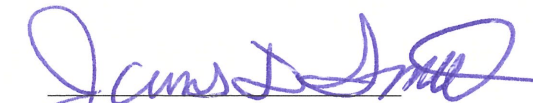
- a. Thanked the Police Officers for the fantastic job they do.
- b. The Memorial Day parade was awesome.
- c. Thanked Clyde Adkins for helping with the Memorial Day Parade and pulling the wagon which the Council Members rode.
- d. Thanked the woman from Maineville/Kings Mills who had donated 10lbs. of candy as well as Burke who has made many candy donations.
- e. Thanked Mayor Smith for his recognition of our Veterans.
- f. Provided a flyer from the Warren County Recorder's Office to the Council regarding property fraud. Haddix stated that he will share the information on the utility bills and website.

Rolin Spicer

- a. Stated that the traffic backup on Pike Street between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. is awful. Since we are looking at the budget for next year, he feels that the city really needs to put a traffic light in at the intersection of Pike Street and Main Street. Mayor Smith stated that he will follow-up on this. Discussion ensued regarding roundabouts with Deputy Fox adding that roundabouts are statistically safer.
11. Mayor Smith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Madison, all yeas.



Petrina D. Williams, Fiscal Officer



James D. Smith, Mayor

For an audio copy of the June 1, 2023 minutes of the City of South Lebanon Council regular meeting, please contact Fiscal Officer at twilliams@southlebanonohio.org.