

CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 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

Larry Sims - Warren County Sheriff, will be retiring at the end of 2024; Mayor Smith read a Proclamation to Sheriff Sims. Brenda and Hubert Combs presented the Sheriff with a wooden, blue line flag. A brief reception was held after the Council meeting.

Justin Bedocs – Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District, invited the Council and City Administration to the Float the River – Little Miami River Paddle Tour & Leadership Luncheon on Friday, July 21, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Invitations and a kayak route, from Clint Fultz Park to Caesar Creek Access, were handed out. RSVP by July 14, 2023.

4. Mayor Smith opened the floor to the public.

No public comments.

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NEW BUSINESS

5. ORDINANCE 2023-14, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING FOR PUBLIC MAINTENANCE EMERALD DRIVE IN WYNSTEAD SUBDIVISION SECTION 4-B, IN THE CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON, 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 2023-14, a motion to adopt was made by Burke, seconded by Madison, all yeas.

6. ORDINANCE 2023-15, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING FOR PUBLIC MAINTENANCE EMERALD DRIVE IN WYNSTEAD SUBDIVISION SECTION 6, IN THE CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Combs, seconded by Madison, all yeas. By title only, Ordinance 2023-15, a motion to adopt was made by Burke, seconded by Madison, all yeas.

7. ORDINANCE 2023-16, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING FOR PUBLIC MAINTENANCE EMERALD DRIVE IN WYNSTEAD SUBDIVISION SECTION 7, IN THE CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Madison, seconded by Burke, all yeas. By title only, Ordinance 2023-16, a motion to adopt was made by Madison, seconded by Combs, all yeas.

8. ORDINANCE 2023-17, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING A PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR ELECTRIC GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATION IN THE CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Burke, seconded by Harrison, all yeas. By title only, Ordinance 2023-17, a motion to adopt was made by Burke, seconded by Combs, all yeas.

9. ORDINANCE 2023-18, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING A PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR NATURAL GAS GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATION IN THE CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Combs, seconded by Madison, all yeas. By title only, Ordinance 2023-18, a motion to adopt was made by Burke, seconded by Madison, all yeas.

10. ORDINANCE 2023-19, 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 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, AN ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT AND A BOND PLACEMENT AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Haddix explained that at the last Council meeting there had been a 1st reading for an amendment to the cooperative agreement regarding the refinancing of the Riverside TIF bonds. Dean Spoor with Thompson Hine, via Zoom, explained the reasonings behind the change from an amendment to a new cooperative agreement.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Combs, seconded by Madison, all yeas. By title only, Ordinance 2023-19, a motion to adopt was made by Madison, seconded by Burke, all yeas.

11. ORDINANCE 2023-20, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-27 AND DESIGNATING COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN CITY EMPLOYEES TO SPECIFIC CITY FUNDS FOR TEMPORARY LABORER POSITION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Haddix stated that we have found a qualified individual for the temporary laborer position, up to 120 days. Ryan Lester from Clarksville will be starting on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. Council has already approved the position however we need to allocate where the funds will be coming from to pay for the position.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Combs, seconded by Madison, all yeas. By title only, Ordinance 2023-20, a motion to adopt was made by Madison, seconded by Burke, all yeas.

12. AUTHORIZATION OF INVOICES

A motion to authorize the invoices for payment (\$260,452.65) was made by Madison, seconded by Combs, all yeas.

13. AUTHORIZATION OF SOLICITOR'S INVOICE

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

14. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

15. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting – May 18, 2023

Regular Meeting – June 1, 2023

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

16. COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS

Mayor Smith

- a. The granite Vietnam bench for the Veteran's Memorial has been ordered. Once it is delivered there will be an event with Council including all of those involved.

Fiscal Officer Tina Williams

- a. The Post Audit for the 2021 Financial Statements is set for Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. This will be a virtual meeting and all members of Council are invited to attend. An email with a Zoom meeting link will be sent out. Please RSVP to the email if you'd like to be part of the meeting. Post Audits are exempt from the Sunshine Law.
- b. The Finance Committee will also meet on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. following the post audit conference.
- c. We are trying to plan our Christmas/Holiday Party for Friday, December 15, 2023, 6:30 p.m., at the Golden Lamb in Lebanon. This is tentative at this time, however once it is confirmed we will let everyone know.

Administrator Jerry Haddix

- a. Boylan has had a family emergency.
- b. The Municipal Building will be closed on Monday, June 19, 2023 for Juneteenth.
- c. Bid opening for our solid waste collection is on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.
- d. Wednesday, June 21, 2023 will be the Public Hearings for the Electric (12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.) and Natural Gas (12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.) Aggregation at the Municipal Building.
- e. July 4, 2023 will be the parade, festival, and fireworks.

Assistant Administrator Jeff Boylan

- a. Absent from meeting.

Solicitor Andrew Meier

- a. Nothing to report.

Sgt. Corey Adams

- a. Absent from meeting.

Bill Madison

- a. Thanked Sheriff Simms and all of the deputies for their hard work.

Brenda Combs

- a. Asked if there would be a water fountain and restrooms put in at the Veteran's Park. Mayor Smith stated that there are plans for a water fountain but not a restroom at this time. He continued stating that he will be meeting with Spicer and the Parks and Recreation Committee, and they will discuss this. Combs went on to state that some parents have made her aware that their children are scared of the porta potty that is currently located at the park.

Linda Burke

- a. Was wondering when or if the Personnel Committee would be meeting to which Mayor Smith stated it would be soon. Haddix added that they are hoping to have one next week.
- b. Thanked Sheriff Sims for all his work with the community.

Linda Allen

- a. Thanked Sheriff Sims for his contributions to our community.

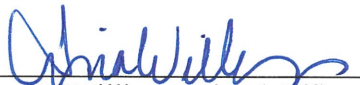
Maryan Harrison

- a. Thanked Sheriff Sims, stating that she is grateful for him and the department.

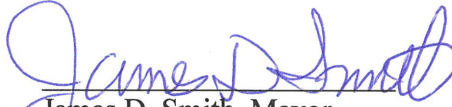
Rolin Spicer

- a. Thanked Sheriff Sims, remarking that he has done an excellent job and will be hard to replace.

17. Mayor Smith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Allen, all yeas.



Petrina D. Williams, Fiscal Officer



James D. Smith, Mayor

For an audio copy of the June 15, 2023 minutes of the City of South Lebanon Council regular meeting, please contact Fiscal Officer at twilliams@southlebanonohio.org.