

CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 3, 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

Special guests introduced during the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bench dedication ceremony.

4. Mayor Smith opened the floor to the public.

No public comments.

Mayor Smith closed the floor to the public.

NEW BUSINESS

5. ORDINANCE 2023-28, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2023-08 FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, 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 2023-28, a motion to adopt was made by Madison, seconded by Burke, all yeas.

A motion to authorize the Director of Finance to send an amended Certificate to the Warren County Auditor for fiscal year 2023 was made by Burke, seconded by Combs, all yeas.

6. RESOLUTION 2023-29, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR A PERPETUAL WATERLINE EASEMENT ON THE PROPERTY OWNED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE KINGS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATERLINE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Combs, seconded by Madison, all yeas. By title only, Resolution 2023-29, a motion to adopt was made by Burke, seconded by Allen, all yeas.

7. **A motion to approve travel expenses for the Director of Finance to attend the Ohio Government Finance Officer's Annual Conference was made by Combs, seconded by Harrison, all yeas.**

8. AUTHORIZATION OF INVOICES

A motion to authorize the invoices for payment (\$348,765.69) was made by Madison, seconded by Combs, all yeas.

9. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting – July 6, 2023

Regular Meeting – July 20, 2023

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

OLD BUSINESS

10. ORDINANCE 2023-27, SECOND READING, AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE COMPENSATION OF THE ELECTIVE OFFICE OF MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON FOR EACH FOUR (4) YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, TWO (2) MEMBERS OF SOUTH LEBANON CITY COUNCIL FOR EACH FOUR (4) YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, AND THREE (3) MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FOR EACH FOUR (4) YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ONE MEMBER OF COUNCIL FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026 [WITH FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS COMMENCING IN 2028] THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2029

By title only, Ordinance 2023-27, a motion to adopt was made by Burke, seconded by Madison, all yeas.

11. COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS

Mayor Smith

- a. Nothing to report. Comments held for the Dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bench presentation to follow.

Director of Finance Tina Williams

- a. Nothing to report.

Administrator Jerry Haddix

- a. Reservations for the Warren County Municipal League dinner are due by August 14, 2023 with the dinner being held on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at the Golden Lamb with Social Time beginning at 5:45 p.m.

Assistant Administrator Jeff Boylan

- a. Nothing to report.

Law Director Andrew Meier

- a. Nothing to report.

Sgt. Corey Adams

- a. Provided a handout to the Council and gave an update regarding the Dog Warden being called out to King Avenue.
- b. Provided handouts to the Council and gave an update regarding speed complaints on Sunset Drive. They are currently recording data from the area using a speed box.

Bill Madison

- a. Thanked everyone for coming this evening for the presentation of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bench.

Brenda Combs

- a. Thanked everyone for coming out this evening.

Linda Burke

- a. Thanked all those present for being there this evening.
- b. Asked the Mayor to form a Special Committee to write the Rules of Council.

Linda Allen

- a. Thanked everyone for their presence this evening.

Maryan Harrison

- a. Thanked everyone for coming and sharing this moment.

Rolin Spicer

- a. Appreciates everyone coming out this evening. It is an honor to have everyone here for this big occasion.

12. DEDICATION OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL BENCH

Special Guests: Dan Phipps and Senator Steve Wilson

Mayor Smith thanked the two benefactors for financing, the Veterans Committee for helping to put it together, the design team, and everyone else involved with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bench.

As Mayor Smith read the names and recognized the veterans, Combs presented them or their family members with photos of the bench. Anyone who wanted to share a few words was invited to do so.

Senator Wilson gave a brief address regarding the Vietnam War and thanked the city for doing this for the veterans of Vietnam.

Dan Phipps spoke about the Vietnam War and it being a different time in the nation. He thanked everyone for the privilege of being able to sponsor the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bench. Mayor Smith stated that Mr. Phipps' father had fought in the Korean War and Mr. Phipps would like to finance the creation of a Korean War bench as well.

Mayor Smith shared that after the Korean War bench we will begin work on the WWII bench. He is currently gathering photos for both benches.

Mayor Smith stated that a ribbon cutting ceremony will be taking place at the Veteran's Memorial after the adjournment of the Council meeting.

13. Mayor Smith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Allen, all yeas.



Petrina D. Williams, Director of Finance/Clerk



James D. Smith, Mayor

For an audio copy of the August 3, 2023 City of South Lebanon Council Regular Meeting, please contact the Director of Finance at twilliams@southlebanonohio.org.