Lebanon Town Council Regular Monthly Meeting Town Hall, Lebanon, VA Monday, October 21, 2019 6:00 P.M.

Council Members Present: Nelson A. "Tony" Dodi, Mayor

DeAnna C. Jackson, Vice- Mayor J. Hassel Kegley, Council Member A. Doyle Fields, Council Member Kevin B. Ferguson, Council Member Scott J. Gilmer, Council Member Mary J. Stanley, Council Member

Staff Members Present: Mark A. Mitchell, Town Manager/Chief of Police

A. Diane Nunley, Clerk of Council Kevin D. Tiller, Town Attorney

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dodi.
- II. Prayer: Mr. Mitchell
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Edit for items not on the agenda:

Upon motion made by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, the agenda was unanimously approved. The vote was as follows: Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Ferguson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye.

V. Edit and approve minutes from the 09/09/19 regular council meeting.

Upon motion made by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, the minutes from the 09/09/19 regular council meeting was unanimously approved. The vote was as follows: Mr. Kegley, Ayc; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Ferguson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye.

VI. Approve accounts payable and capital assets for the month of September

Upon motion made by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, the accounts payable for the month of September was unanimously approved. The vote was as follows: Mr. Kegley Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Ferguson, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye.

VII. Public Request:

Kelly McBride, with the Russell County Library, advised that she was working with Lebanon High School teachers on having the students write a Bicentennial essay; maybe have the students interview their family member for history of Lebanon. Ms. McBride advised the deadline for the completion of the essay's would be Thanksgiving. She requested the council help with an award for the students whom receive first, second and third place in the contest.

Upon motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Stanley, the Town Council unanimously voted to purchase gift cards first place \$100 gift card, second place \$50 gift card and third place \$25 gift card plus a bicentennial ornament to each essay winner. The vote was as follows: Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Ferguson, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye.

## VIII. Town Managers Report

Mr. Mitchell advised that the contract with Cumberland Mountain Community Service CITAC was up for renewal with minor changes in the contract.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the Cumberland Mountain Community Service CITAC contract pending Mr. Tiller review the contract. The vote was as follows: Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Ferguson, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye.

Mr. Mitchell discussed the Business District Revitalization Streetscape improvements, he said the arch plans have been submitted to VDOT for approval.

Mr. Mitchell advised that Jeff Sykes is retiring from the Wastewater Plant sometime in November, he requested the council's pleasure regarding promoting Ben Holmes to a full-time employee. The council request to discuss the matter in closed session.

Mr. Mitchell advised the Southwest Virginia Girls softball will have some games on Saturday, October 26, 2019 if anyone is interested in attending.

Mr. Mitchell advised that the pool has been covered, the leak was due to an expansion seal; the issue been addressed and temporary repaired.

Mr. Mitchell discussed that he had received quotes from Cincinnati Life Insurance company. He thought maybe several employees would be interested. The council requested to discuss the matter in closed session.

Mr. Mitchell advised that in the Northrup Grumman Tax case, two of the years that they requested to get their taxes back, the statute of limitations has expired.

## IX. Town Attorney Report

Mr. Tiller advised that he had filed the civil cases the council had requested. The date is set for November.

**New Business** 

## A. Christmas Parade Theme

Upon motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kegley, the Town Council unanimously voted to set the Christmas Theme as Christmas Memories. The vote was as follows: Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Ferguson, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye.

B. Employee Christmas Dinner Date & Cater

Upon motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kegley, the Town Council unanimously voted to set the Employee Christmas dinner date for December 9 at 11:30 A.M. at Bonanza Restaurant.

X. Recess: 6:24 P.M.

XI. Resume: 6:34 P.M.

XII. Enter closed session: 6:34 P.M.

- A. Upon motion made by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Ms. Jackson, the Town Council unanimously voted to go into closed session under Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1)(3)(7) for the purpose of discussing personnel, acquisition or sale of property and legal issues. The vote was as follows: Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Ferguson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye.
- B. Upon motion made by Mr. Fields, seconded by Mr. Kegley, the Town Council unanimously voted to return to regular session. The vote was as follows: Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Ferguson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye.
- C. A. Diane Nunley, Clerk of Council, presented the Roll Call Vote:

Virginia Code, 1950, Section 2.2-3712(D)

Do you certify that to the best of your knowledge, (1) the Town Council in its' closed session; only discussed public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this Chapter and (2) that only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the Town Council. Any member of the Town Council who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of clauses (1) and (2), shall so state prior to the vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in their judgment, has taken place.

The roll call vote was as follows: Mayor Dodi, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Ferguson, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Tiller, Aye; Mr. Mitchell, Aye.

XIII. Adjourn closed session: 8:25 P.M.

- XIV. Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, the Town Council unanimously voted to purchase the Russell Theater at the discussed price. The vote was as follows: The vote was as follows: Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Ferguson, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye.
- XV. Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Kegley, the Town Council unanimously voted to purchase the vacant lot joining the Russell Theater for the amount of \$75,000 upon contingent they purchase the Russell Theater. The vote was as follows: Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Ferguson, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye.
- XVI. Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Kegley, the Town Council unanimously voted to the pay Lane Group in the amount of \$8,900 for architecture services. The vote was as follows: Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Ferguson, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye.
- XVII. Upon motion made by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, the Town Council unanimously voted to authorize Mr. Dodi to sign the documents related to the purchase of the Russell Theater. The vote was as follows: Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Ferguson, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye.
- XVIII. Bicentennial/Event

The Town Council agreed to make an offer to Sawyer Brown for the June 13, 2020 event.

XIV. Adjourn: 8:52 P.M.

Upon motion made by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Ms. Stanley, the Town Council unanimously voted to adjourn. The vote was as follows: Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Ferguson, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye.

Welson A. "Tony" Dodi, Mayor

A. Diane Nunley, Clerk of Council

Minutes recorded by: A. Diane Nunley, Clerk of Council Minutes prepared by: A. Diane Nunley, Clerk of Council