

Lebanon Town Council  
Reconvened Meeting  
Town Hall, Lebanon, Virginia  
Thursday, March 11, 2021  
5:00 P.M.

Council Members Present: Nelson A. "Tony" Dodi, Mayor  
DeAnna C. Jackson, Vice- Mayor  
A. Doyle Fields, Council Member  
Scott J. Gilmer, Council Member  
Mary J. Stanley, Council Member  
M. Elijah Leonard, Council Member  
W. Bradley Lambert, Council Member

Staff Members Present: Kevin L. Blankenship, Town Manager  
A. Diane Nunley, Clerk of Council

Staff Members Absent: Kevin D. Tiller, Town Attorney

I. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dodi.

II. Prayer: Mr. Blankenship

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Items for Discussion

Parks & Recreation

Ms. Jackson advised that she had spoken with Mr. Farmer concerning the \$50 fee to use the ballfield for a day. She stated that she felt this fee needed to be increased. Mr. Lambert stated that he felt a reasonable amount for this area would be \$100 a day. Mr. Gilmer stated that he felt good charging a fee rate of \$125 for future bookings but honor the \$50 fee amount for anyone that already had the field scheduled. The council discussed ways to resolve the issue with citizens being turned away when tournaments was being played at the ballfield. Mr. Leonard stated the importance to keep the field booked. Ms. Jackson stated that Mr. Farmer suggested for the fee for the ballfield for a day to be \$150.

Upon motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Fields, the Town Council voted to approve for the ballfield fee for a day to be \$125. The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Nay; Mr. Leonard, Nay; Mr. Lambert, Nay. The vote tied, therefore Mayor Dodi voted Nay.

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Ms. Stanley, the Town Council voted to approve for the ballfield fee for a day to be \$100 for the remainder of this year. The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Nay; Mr. Fields, Nay; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

Mayor Dodi requested Mr. Blankenship contact Mr. Farmer to advise him of the fee increase and to arrange a meeting with the various organizations who use the ballfield to discuss the Town Council's questions and concerns. Mr. Lambert advised that he would reach out to Mr. Farmer, the ball teams involved and Ms. Jackson and Ms. Stanley to coordinate the meeting.

#### Amendment #1-Standard of Master Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services

Mr. Gilmer advised that Mr. Farmer was notifying DHCD to discern if the Downtown Revitalization time-line is extended through December 31, 2021 if the Town is responsible to continue to use an engineering firm until the end of this process.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Ms. Jackson, the Town Council unanimously voted to table the agreement between the Town of Lebanon and The Lane Group. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

#### V. Other Business

Mr. Leonard discussed the VDOT Urban Maintenance funds. He stressed the importance to utilize these funds as much as possible to save on using the General Account funds.

Mayor Dodi presented a suggestion for the Tobacco Policy. He advised to add to the Employee Manual under Tobacco use the following:

- No smoking in Town owned vehicles.
- No smoking in Town owned equipment.
- Designated tobacco use areas at all structures and facilities of the Town of Lebanon.
- Temporary tobacco use areas in the field designated by the Department's Director/Supervisors.
- Smokeless tobacco Amber to be contained in a container with lid and removed from vehicles at the end of the each working shift.

The Town Council agreed with these additions to the present Tobacco policy.

#### VI. Enter closed session: 5:58 P.M.

- A. Upon motion made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, the Town Council unanimously voted to go into closed session under Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of personnel for personnel evaluation. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.
- B. Upon motion made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Ms. Stanley, the Town Council unanimously voted to return to regular session. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

C. 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,

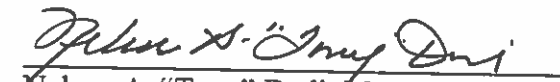
discussed, or considered in the meeting by the Town Council. Any member of the Town Council who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of clauses (1) and (2), shall so state prior to the vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in their judgment, has taken place.

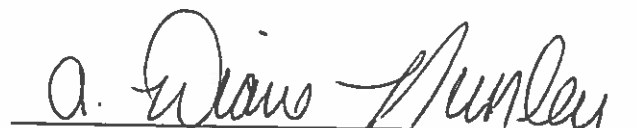
The roll call vote was as follows: Mayor Dodi, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Blankenship, Aye.

VII. Adjourn closed session: 9:10 P.M.

VIII. Adjourn: 9:11 P.M.

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

  
Nelson 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