

Lebanon Town Council
Regular Monthly Meeting
Town Hall, Lebanon, Virginia
Monday, July 12, 2021
6:00 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
Richard Eric Deskins, Chief of Police

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. Edit for items not on the agenda:

Mr. Gilmer requested to add under New Business Cyber Security.

Upon motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, the agenda with amended item was unanimously approved. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

V. Edit and approve minutes from the 06/14/21 regular council meeting, 06/21/21 reconvened council meeting.

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the minutes from the 06/14/21 regular council meeting, 06/21/21 reconvened council meeting was unanimously approved. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

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

Mr. Blankenship requested an invoice for Chafin Law Firm P.C. for the amount of \$548.00 be included in the accounts payable.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Fields, the accounts payable for the month of June with amended item was unanimously approved. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

VII. Recognition

Lebanon High Softball Team

Mayor Dodi presented the Lebanon High School Girls Softball Team Resolution.

Upon motion made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Ms. Jackson, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the Lebanon High School Girls Softball Team Resolution as presented. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

Mayor Dodi presented the Lebanon High School Boys Baseball Team Resolution.

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Fields, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the Lebanon High School Boys Baseball Team Resolution as presented. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

Mayor Dodi presented the Girls Softball Team with their certificates.

Haley Finney	Maggie Lampkin
Alexis Horne	Tatum Dye
Morgan Varney	Adrienne Morrison
Emily Musick	Emma Musick
Alivia Nolley	Mally Jessee
Madison Hill	Lauren Boothe
Lilly Gray	Dennis Price, Head Coach
Sam Jones, Coach	Shelia Adams, Coach
Lynette Compton, Coach	

Mayor Dodi presented the Boys Baseball Team with their resolutions.

Hunter Hertig	Zach Hertig
Nick Belcher	Sage Potts
Anthony Houchins	Preston Steele
Seth Buchanan	Matthew Buchanan
Tanner Keys	Dagan Barton
Chandler Morrison	Charles "Doc" Adams, Coach
Cody Compton, Coach	Will Stamper, Coach
Wade Compton, Bookkeeper	Paul Hess, Equipment Manager

Mayor Dodi presented Charles "Doc" Adams a resolution in honor of his service as Lebanon High Baseball Coach.

Upon motion made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the Charles "Doc" Adams resolution as presented. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

VIII. Public Request

Katie Moody – Appalachian Voices

Ms. Moody with Appalachian Voices stated that they are a non-profit organization in Southwest Virginia that focuses on land restoration and economic development. She advised that her purpose is to provide technical assistance and grant assistance on projects related to land restoration and economic development. She stated that there is so many resources for reclamation and economic development. Ms. Moody advised that there is a lot of funding coming in the near future. She advised that she wanted to highlight the abandoned mine revitalization program administered by DMME. She presented different projects that Appalachian Voices help fund in Russell County. Mayor Dodi questioned if the Town might be able to get funding for the land near the Government Center that they are planning to develop the green space into walking trails, dog park etc. Ms. Moody advised that this project sounds like there would be several grants that would help fund this project.

IX. New Business

Revised Drug Policy

Mayor Dodi advised that the revised drug policy is in the Council's Agenda. He stated that he feels the Town needs to state at what level of marijuana in their system would the policy be enforced. Mayor Dodi advised that with the Federal Government marijuana is still illegal. The Town Council discussed the revised drug policy. Mayor Dodi advised that once Mr. Tiller is back the Council will discuss revised drug policy under legal guidance.

Russell Theater Bid Document Discussion

Mayor Dodi advised that Mr. Blankenship and Mr. Farmer prepared information regarding all the façade work at the Russell Theater in order to bid this project out. The Town Council discussed this project. The bids must come in within 10% of the projected cost.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Ms. Stanley, the Town Council unanimously voted to set the Russell Theater façade pre-bid meeting for Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 10:00 A.M. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

Police Training Facility

Mr. Leonard presented an update regarding the Police Training facility. He stated that the area had been cleaned-up and ready to move forward with the construction. Mr. Gilmer advised that his thoughts was to wait and if possible, use the ARPA funds. Mr. Leonard advised that he has a local business that is donating \$8,000 for the Police Training facility. Chief Deskins advised the Town Council concerning the current radios not being able to communicate with the dispatcher

or the Russell County Officers digital radios. Chief Deskins expressed the need for new vest for all the Police Officers. The Town Council discussed the needs regarding the Police Department.

Set ARPA Committee Meeting

Mayor Dodi advised that he would like to set the ARPA Committee Meeting for Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 4:00 P.M. Mr. Gilmer requested that all departments review the Commonwealth of Virginia Guidance and frequently asked questions directed to localities like Lebanon. He advised that if it was covered under CARES Act Funds that it may be eligible under the ARPA funds. Mr. Gilmer advised that Department Heads need to identify eligible uses and the associated cost moving forward in their budget, this includes capital outlay items.

Mr. Gilmer stressed the importance of Cyber Security for the Town of Lebanon.

X. Town Managers Report

Mr. Blankenship advised that he needed to speak with the Town Council in closed session concerning a personnel issue.

XI. Enter closed session: 7:36 P.M.

- A. Upon motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Stanley, the Town Council unanimously voted to go into closed session under Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of personnel regarding the police department, fire department, parks and recreation department and ARPA. 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 Ms. Stanley, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, 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. 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; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Blankenship, Aye; Chief Deskins, Aye.

XII. Adjourn closed session: 11:30 P.M.

XIII. Upon motion made by Ms. Stanley, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the Police Department pay scale as presented by Chief Deskins. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

Ms. Jackson questioned the Water Treatment Plant report regarding the large water loss at the Splash Pad to which Mr. Gibson requested a recirculation system. Mr. Gilmer advised that the guidelines under the ARPA funds a recirculation system should be covered. Mayor Dodi requested Mr. Blankenship meet with Mr. Gibson and Mr. Shortt the Water Plant Supervisors to discuss installing a recirculation system.

Mr. Gilmer requested a topographic survey for the lot adjacent to the Russell Theater. He stated that regardless, if the lot is used for parking, green space or pavilion a topographic survey is required. Mr. Gilmer advised to use grant funds first for this survey, secondary use the funds budgeted for the Russell Theater.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve a topographic survey of the adjacent lot to the Russell Theater. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Ms. Jackson, the Town Council unanimously voted for Mr. Blankenship to prepare bid document for the J. S. Easterly Park Restrooms and the bids be opened at the August Town Council meeting. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

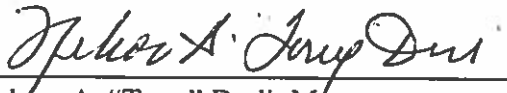
Mr. Gilmer requested Mr. Blankenship be prepared to discuss the following items at the reconvened July 20 Town Council meeting: Uniforms and other supplies, clock-in system and iCloud System. He requested Mr. Blankenship work with Mr. Tiller to prepare a structure on past due Business License and outstanding taxes. Mr. Gilmer request an update on the telemetry system. He requested Mr. Blankenship be prepared to discuss using the streetscapes grant funds by extending the decorative lighting, Lohr Street Wall, trash cans, pavilion, landscaping, paving, milling and marking. Mr. Gilmer advised that the Mountain Movers are going to help the Town of Lebanon by installing barriers at Emanuel Baptist Church which will be a cost to the Mountain Movers.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Town Council unanimously voted to donate \$500 to the Mountain Movers for Town of Lebanon projects. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

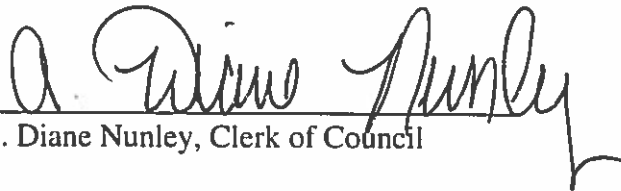
Mr. Gilmer requested a nuisance letter be sent to Josh Burgess. The Town Council agreed for a letter to be sent to Josh Burgess for his property at the former Quik Superette location. Mr. Gilmer requested for Mr. Blankenship to have maintenance replace the lights in the Town Hall parking lot.

XIV. Adjourn: 11:50 P.M.

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Ms. Stanley, the Town Council unanimously voted to adjourn to reconvene Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. 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