

Lebanon Town Council
Reconvened Meeting
Town Hall, Lebanon, Virginia
Tuesday, August 17, 2021
4:30 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. Mayor Dodi advised that at each Town Council Member's desk was Mr. Blankenship's resignation letter therefore he requested the Council make a motion to accept his resignation.

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

- V. Enter closed session: 4:32 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 to interview for Police Officer. 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. 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.

- VI. Adjourn closed session: 6:02 P.M.

- VII. Recess for Employee Picnic: 6:02 P.M.

- VIII. Resume: 7:40 P.M.

- IX. Mayor Dodi requested a motion be made concerning the replacement of Scott Gilmer on the Russell County IDA.

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve for DeAnna C. Jackson to serve on the Russell County IDA as the replacement for Scott J. Gilmer. 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 advised that with the continuation of the ARPA meeting, the recovered cost that the department incurred from March 3, 2021, donations to non-profits that was eligible that was impacted by the pandemic, tourism, a couple of invoices from Wright Way Cleaning and Aramark and first payment on the Fire Truck that comes to a total of \$223,135.74.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Town Council unanimously voted to recover an eligible cost of \$223,135.74 cost incurred by the Town of Lebanon due to COVID-19 pandemic to move those funds from the ARPA fund into the General Fund. 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. Lambert, seconded by Ms. Stanley, the Town Council unanimously voted to provide a supplement pay to Mayor Dodi for \$500 a week effective August 16, 2021, until a Town Manager is hired. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

X. Enter closed session: 7:48 P.M.

- A. Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the Town Council unanimously voted to go into closed session under Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of personnel to discuss employment of Lebanon Police Officer. 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. A. Diane Nunley, Clerk of Council, presented the Roll Call Vote:

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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.

- XI. Mr. Fields requested before the vote regarding employment for a Lebanon Police Officer that he would like the vote to be unanimous. Mr. Gilmer advised that no matter how he ranked the candidates or if he doesn't vote for someone, he will still be in support of them as an employee. Mr. Leonard advised that in support of protecting the General Fund his goal was to base his decision on what would put the least amount of burden on the Town's General Fund and hire a certified Police Officer.

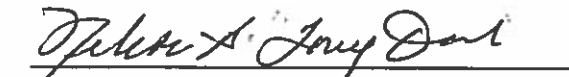
Upon motion made by Mr. Fields, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the Town Council voted to hire Courtney Byars as Police Officer for the Town of Lebanon.

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

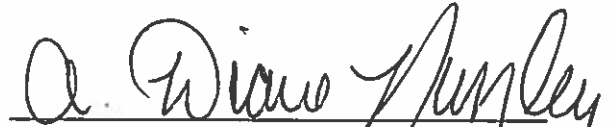
The roll call vote was tied therefore Mayor Dodi voted Aye.

XIX. Adjourn: 9:25 P.M.

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Ms. Stanley, 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