

Lebanon Town Council
Regular Monthly Meeting
Town Hall, Lebanon, Virginia
Monday, March 7, 2022
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: Andrew R. Shortt, Town Manager
Kevin D. Tiller, Town Attorney
A. Diane Nunley, Clerk of Council
Richard Eric Deskins, Chief of Police

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

II. Prayer: Philip Musick

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Edit for items not on the agenda:

Upon motion made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the agenda 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 02/14/22 regular council meeting, 02/21/22 reconvened council meeting, 02/28/22 reconvened council meeting

Mr. Leonard requested to change in the February 21, 2022, reconvened council meeting page 2 item X. add the purchase price to the minutes. Mr. Leonard requested to change in the February 28, 2022, reconvened council meeting page 2 from home is not classified to homes are classified.

Upon motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, the minutes from the 02/14/22 regular council meeting, 02/21/22 reconvened council meeting, 02/28/22 reconvened council meeting as amended 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 February:

Mr. Shortt requested to add the Accounts Payable page B to the February Accounts Payable.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Fields, the accounts payable for the month of February with additions 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. Recognize State Wrestling Team Members

Mayor Dodi presented the following certificates to the Lebanon High School Wrestling Team:

Cole Jessee	State Wrestling Champion
Colton Barton	Fourth-Place State Wrestling Champion
Isaah Olvera	State Qualifier State Wrestling Champion

VIII. Public Hearing to Consider:

An application submitted by Robert J.A. Campbell to place/build a 1620 square foot storage building on the property located at 396 Fields Avenue in a R-1 Single Family Dwelling District

An application submitted by Tamera Barnes and Marty Aaron Bostic for residential use on the property located west of the property at 1544 East Main Street in a C-1 Commercial District

Planning Commission Members Present:

Donnie Ramey, Chairman
R. D. Snead, Member
DeAnna Jackson, Member
Leonard Kegley, Member
Andrew R. Shortt, Member

Planning Commission Members Absent

Tim Coleman, Vice-Chairman
J. S. Easterly, Jr., Clerk

- A. The Town Council recessed from regular session, 6:20 P.M.
- B. Mr. Ramey opened the Public Hearing: 6:20 P.M.
- C. Mr. Keith Stevens, Building Contractor spoke on behalf of Mr. Campbell, he advised that the structure would have two entrance doors plus a garage door. He stated that the county requires 5 feet from the home which he has followed. He advised that the building and roof will be metal with a concrete floor.
- D. No one spoke in opposition of the permit.
- E. Upon motion made by Mr. Snead, seconded by Mr. Shortt, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to approve the conditional use application submitted by Robert J.A. Campbell to build a 1620 square foot storage building on the property located at 396 Fields Avenue based upon all Town zoning regulations are followed. The vote was as

follows: Mr. Ramey, Aye; Mr. Snead, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Shortt, Aye.

- F. Ms. Diane Gent, Real Estate Agent, was present on behalf of Tamera Barnes. Ms. Gent advised that Ms. Barnes is in full agreement for Mr. Bostic to use the property for residential use. Mr. Aaron Bostic stated that the property is located directly across from New Peoples Bank. Mr. Bostic stated that he plans to use the property for residential use with either a single-family dwelling or a duplex style unit that would be similar to the current units adjacent to this property. Mr. Bostic stated that the single-family dwelling would be a stick build home.
- G. Ms. Virginia Fuller, adjacent property owner, advised that she is in favor for Mr. Bostic to use the property for residential use.
- H. Upon motion made by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. Snead, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to approve the conditional use application submitted by Tamera Barnes and Marty Aaron Bostic for residential use on the property that is located West of the property at 1544 East Main Street based upon all Town zoning regulations are followed. The vote was as follows: Mr. Ramey, Aye; Mr. Snead, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Shortt, Aye.

Mayor Dodi advised that this would be the last meeting for Mr. Ramey. He is leaving the area to be closer his family therefore Mr. Coleman the Vice-Chairman for the Planning Commission will fill in until the Town's Organizational Meeting in January 2023. Mayor Dodi presented a plaque to Mr. Ramey for his 13 years of service on the Planning Commission.

- IX. Mr. Ramey closed the public hearing, 6:35 P.M.
- X. The Town Council returned to regular session, 6:35 P.M.
- XI. Mr. Ramey recommended on behalf of the Planning Commission that the application submitted by Robert J.A. Campbell to build a 1620 square foot storage building on the property located at 396 Fields Avenue based upon that all Town zoning regulations are followed be approved.

Upon motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Stanley, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the Conditional Use Permit submitted by Robert J.A. Campbell to build a 1620 square foot storage building on the property located at 396 Fields Avenue based upon all Town zoning regulations are followed. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

Mr. Ramey recommended on behalf of the Planning Commission that the application submitted by Tamera Barnes and Marty Aaron Bostic for residential use on the property located west of the property at 1544 East Main Street based upon all Town zoning regulations are followed be approved.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fields, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the Conditional Use Permit submitted by Tamera Barnes and Marty Aaron Bostic for residential use on the property located west of the property at 1544 East Main Street in a C-1 Commercial District based upon all Town zoning regulations are followed. The vote was as

follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

Mr. Lambert advised that he was in favor regarding Mr. Bostic obtaining the property to use for residential use but there were previous conditional use permits that were denied therefore he feels all the town citizens should be treated the same.

XII. Public Request

Angie Carpenter-Miss Cedar Fest Pageant

Ms. Carpenter advised that several young ladies contacted her regarding a beauty pageant. She stated that Lebanon High School didn't have a beauty pageant due to lack of contestants therefore the Russell County Fair is the only beauty pageant in the area. Ms. Carpenter stated that perhaps the Cedar Fest would be a great way to promote a beauty pageant. She stated that the Jr. Miss winner and the Miss winner could be the speaker at the Town events and help promote the Town. She advised that she would like to open the contestants applicants to the county instead of just Town Citizens. Mayor Dodi advised for the Parks and Recreation Committee discuss the Cedar Fest Pageant at their next meeting.

XIII. Recess: 6:50 P.M.

XIV. Resume: 7:04 P.M.

XV. Public Request

Lisa Hubbard, WIOA Youth Case Manager for Southwest Virginia Works, advised that this summer she is in need of locations for the youth to work at. She stated that the way her program works is that they help kids get work that maybe are in foster care or out of high school in need of financial help. She advised that her programs pay \$11 an hour plus doesn't withhold any taxes up to 500 hours which allows the kids to get experience in the areas they are interested in. Ms. Hubbard advised that this program is a win for her as well as a win for the Employers. She advised that she had worked with Town of Honaker quite a bit and she stated that she even helped get a kid through the Police Academy. Mayor Dodi quested if she had any kids that might be interested in being a lifeguard, Ms. Hubbard advised that she may have kids interested. Mayor Dodi requested Ms. Hubbard work with the Town Manager to receive areas in which the Town needs summer help. Ms. Hubbard advised that they are responsible for any liability concerning the kids.

XVI. New Business

Discuss RFP Broadband

Mr. Gilmer advised that his desire for the Town Council is to rank the RFP's by customer service, credentials, qualifications, based upon if they participate in the affordable connectivity program which also details their monthly pricing, plus provide all fiber network residential and commercial and construction cost of the project. The Council agreed to plan a Finance Committee Meeting to discuss the Broadband RFP's.

XVII. Town Managers Report

Mr. Shortt presented a letter to the Russell County PSA informing as per the Town Council's request effective July 1, 2022, the bulk sale of water between the Town of Lebanon and Russell County PSA will increase to \$4.52 per 1000 gallons. Mr. Shortt requested a Water/Wastewater Committee meeting to discuss this with the Russell County PSA.

Mr. Shortt advised that he had items for closed session.

XVIII. Chief of Police Report

Chief Deskins presented the monthly Police Report. Chief Deskins advised that they were awarded the Block Grant to purchase the vest carriers which should be in soon. He stated that the Police Department was awarded another one for \$1,500 which he is planning to purchase another taser.

XIX. Town Attorney Report

Mr. Tiller advised that he had nothing to report to the Town Council at this time.

XX. Committee Reports

Ms. Jackson, Parks and Recreation Chair, suggested placing the Sunflower banners out in support for Ukraine. She advised that several areas are placing flags and banners in their Town to show support for the Ukraine Country. The Town Council agreed with Ms. Jackson's recommendation. Mr. Leonard requested this be placed on the Town's website and facebook to let everyone know that the Sunflowers Banners are in support for Ukraine.

Mr. Gilmer requested getting the Little League Field baselines and morning track cut by Justin Adams Triple A Lawn Service. He advised that the field is in need of maintenance, black tarp showing through, brick dust and dug outs need pressure washed. Mr. Lambert requested the batters' boxes are deteriorated and are in need of repair. Mr. Gilmer requested to continually roll the field. Mr. Gilmer requested that the JS Easterly Park is in need of improvements such as replacing the trash cans, broken post need replaced, and signage gone on the course, but the metal is still there which needs to be removed. Mr. Lambert advised that the tennis court is in need of squeegees to remove the water and nets plus tiedowns need replaced. The Town Council agreed to set a Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting for Friday, March 11, 2022, at 3:00 P.M. to discuss these items with Mr. Farmer. Mr. Shortt advised that the \$1,000 Dog Part Grant can be used for the Eagle Scout Shelter Project.

Mr. Leonard, Street Chairman, advised that he is working on providing a spreadsheet that is easy to understand. He advised that the Street Department is on budget. He advised that he spoke with Mr. Musick, Shop Administrator, about having a surplus auction for any vehicles that need to be removed from the Town's fleet. Mr. Leonard advised that he is working on a Sanitation Department Spreadsheet.

XXI. Enter closed session: 7:53 P.M.

A. Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Ms. Stanley, the Town Council unanimously voted to go into closed session under Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1)(3)(7) for the purpose of personnel, acquisition or sale of property and legal issues. 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. Lambert, 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. Shortt, Aye; Mr. Tiller, Aye.

XXII. Adjourn closed session: 9:50 P.M.

XXIII. Upon motion made by Mr. Fields, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, the Town Council unanimously voted to hire Hunter Stevens as Community Police Officer at Police Rate Chart for Certified 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.

XXIV. Upon motion made by Mr. Fields, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, the Town Council unanimously voted to hire Ethan Meadows as Street Department General Laborer at discussed salary in closed session. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

XXV. Upon motion made by Mr. Fields, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Town Council voted to hire Lonnie C. Browning as Street Department General Laborer at discussed salary in closed session. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Nay.

XXVI. Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Town Council voted to request rent in the amount of \$500 on the Solid Waste User Agreement between the Town of Lebanon and the Russell County Board of Supervisors in monthly installments beginning July 1, 2022, for the Solid Waste Convenience Site at Cumberland Plateau Regional Park. The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Nay; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Nay.

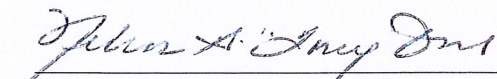
Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert to table Mr. Gilmer's motion until the Town Council April Meeting in order the citizens to have a chance to speak on behalf of this issue. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mayor Dodi requested Mr. Shortt send a letter to Lonzo Lester the Russell County Administrator concerning the Town Council's request to add a \$500 monthly installment to the Solid Waste User Agreement between the Town of Lebanon and the Russell County Board of Supervisors for the Solid Waste Convenience Site at Cumberland Plateau Regional Park.

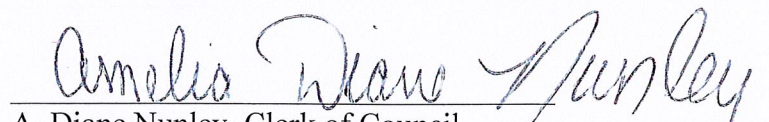
XXVII. Mr. Leonard questioned if the Town Council reviewed the Nuisance and Inoperable Vehicle Operating Procedures. Mayor Dodi advised to discuss these procedures earlier in the meeting than at the end. The Town Council discussed the procedures.

XXVIII. Adjourn: 10:17 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