

Lebanon Town Council
Regular Monthly Meeting
Town Hall, Lebanon, Virginia
Monday, June 13, 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: James Nunley Pastor Cedar Pointe Baptist Church
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Edit for items not on the agenda:

Mr. Leonard requested to add under Old Business Meals & Lodging Tax.

Upon motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Stanley, the agenda 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.

- V. Edit and approve minutes from the 05/09/22 regular council meeting and 05/23/22 reconvened council meeting.

Upon motion made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the minutes from the 05/09/22 regular council meeting, 05/23/22 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 May:

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Fields, the accounts payable for the month of May 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. Public Hearing to Consider:

property located at 396 Fields Avenue in a R-1 Single Family Dwelling District

Adopt an Updated Town of Lebanon Zoning Map

Planning Commission Members Present:

Tim Coleman, Vice- Chairman

R. D. Snead, Member

DeAnna Jackson, Member

Leonard Kegley, Member

Andrew R. Shortt, Member

Planning Commission Members Absent

J. S. Easterly, Jr., Clerk

- A. The Town Council recessed from regular session, 6:04 P.M.
- B. Mr. Coleman opened the Public Hearing: 6:04 P.M.
- C. Mr. Shortt advised that the new updated zoning map includes Gardenside, Homestead, Colony Park change to R-2 for the Townhouses and a few other changes approved by the Planning Commission.
- D. Mr. Snead requested to add all the Town Street names to the map.
- E. No one spoke in opposition concerning the updated Town of Lebanon Zoning Map.

Upon motion made by Mr. Snead, seconded by Mr. Kegley, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to approve the updated Town of Lebanon Zoning Map as presented contingent that all the Street Names within the Town are added to the Map. The vote was as follows: Mr. Coleman, Aye; Mr. Snead, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Mr. Shortt, Aye.

VIII. Mayor Dodi closed the public hearing, 6:08 P.M.

IX. The Town Council returned to regular session, 6:08 P.M.

X. Mr. Coleman recommended on behalf of the Planning Commission to approve the updated Town of Lebanon Zoning Map contingent upon all the Street Names are added to the Town Map.

Upon motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the Town of Lebanon Zoning Map contingent upon all the Street Names are added to the Town Map. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

XI. Public Hearing to Consider:

Budget 2022-2023

A. The Town Council recessed from regular session, 6:09 P.M.

B. Mayor Dodi opened the public hearing: 6:09 P.M.

C. No one spoke in favor or opposition concerning the 2022-2023 Budget.

XII. Mayor Dodi closed the public hearing, 6:09 P.M.

Mayor Dodi advised that after the public hearing for the 2022-2023 Budget, the Town Council will need to wait at least seven days to approve the 2022-2023 Budget.

XIII. Public Request:

Spero Health-Valerie Reynolds

Valerie Reynolds, Facility Administrator for the Norton and Lebanon Offices, stated that she is from Russell County. She introduced the Spero Health team members Dr. Crowder from Kentucky, Lora Tiller used to work for Dr. Yousuf in Lebanon, David Hayden and Edward Littlejohn. Mayor Dodi advised that at the last Town Council meeting some citizens was concerned about another suboxone clinic coming to Lebanon. He advised that Lebanon has a population of around 3500 people currently within the Town there are five or more suboxone clinics which is a concern of why the Town would need so many clinics. Ms. Reynolds advised that Spero Health is just not a suboxone clinic, work with behavior health, integrate health for patients, Counselors on site, case management, Nurse Practitioner on site and help patients get jobs. If they are homeless, they help them get housing and help them get Medicaid. She advised that in other areas they have received full support from the Towns. She advised that her brother worked for VDOT here in Lebanon, he fell off the back of a truck and became addicted to opioids which were prescribed by Dr. Bailey. Therefore, she stated that is very special to her that she might be able to help prevent someone from this situation. Ms. Reynolds advised that her and her team are very compassionate about what they do to help other people get back on their feet, get housing, a job and their family back. Mayor Dodi questioned if a Physician would be on site at all times. Dr. Crowder advised that he is a Medical Director from Prestonsburg Kentucky, he stated that he has been with Spero Health for ten years and Medical Director for the past year. He advised that they have Physicians and Nurse Practitioner on site that provide medication assisted treatment for patients that have opioid addictions and patients with methamphetamine addictions. He advised that methamphetamine is more of a problem in Kentucky than opioids. Dr. Crowder advised that Spero Health is a large corporation with multiple sites therefore they can pull a provider through telehealth plus the Lebanon Office will be open 5-days a week from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. He stated that they are full on addiction practice. He advised that Spero Health provides treatment for Hepatitis C and that there is not a treatment facility within 40 miles willing to treat it because it cost around \$25,000-\$26,000 a year to treat a patient with Hepatitis C.

Andrew Mays-Fall Festival

Andrew Mays owner of the Merc on Main advised that his youngest son has cancer therefore he & his wife would like to plan a fall festival to raise money for St. Jude's Research Hospital. He advised that they would like to plan for the event to be at the Town Park in the grassy area for Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. He plans to request an entry fee from vendors to set up at the fall festival to raise money for St. Jude's. Mr. Leonard advised that he would like to partner with them for this event.

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Ms. Jackson, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve for Andrew Mays to use the Lebanon Town Park for a Fall Festival for June 10, 2022, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

Rocky Hill-Gods Rock Stars

Rocky Hill stated that he and his wife started a special needs program called Gods Rockstars. He advised that they are non-profit. He stated that the program provides different sports such as softball/baseball, basketball, floats for parades and even a prom for the kids. Mr. Hill stated that Amanda Cook's son Preston is involved with his group therefore Amanda advised him that Lebanon recognizes August 22, 2022, as SMA Awareness. He requested to use the Lebanon Ballfield August 21, 2022, to play ball at 6:00 PM for a couple hours and use the shelter and splash pad. Mr. Lambert expressed his appreciation for Mr. Hill's organization to help the kids within our area. Mr. Hill stated that with little Preston Cook the doctors said he wouldn't survive much less walk but at the Prom he stood for the first time.

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve for Rocky Hill with Gods Rockstars to use the ballfield plus any other facility they request if available at no charge. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lamber, Aye.

James Nunley Pastor at Cedar Pointe Baptist Church expressed his appreciation for the Town Council in making decisions regarding the Town. He expressed appreciation for Spero Health attending the meeting to share information regarding their facility. He stated that his concern was the number of Suboxone Clinics within the Town as well as Spero Health's location near the Play Hut and possible issues if someone was denied medication or care.

Tara Null stated that she is a licensed profession counselor and certified substance abuse counselor in the State of Virginia that has worked for a local Health Care Facility that provides medication assistance treatment to individuals who have addiction disorder for the past six years. She stated that there is a drug problem in our area which everyone is affected by it. She advised that treatment is just not taking medication but medication is designed to help alleviate withdrawal symptoms so the individuals can focus on their mental health to return to a normal life. She stated that she speaks with a lot of individuals with assault treatment with several other providers within the Town, those individuals do not receive the proper treatment needed such as drug screening, pill count, individual counseling or group counseling to hold them responsible for their actions. She stated that she is not against this type of treatment, and it can be successful, and people can recover from drug addiction. Ms. Null stated her concern was from the number of providers within the Town and lack of these providers following State Laws.

Randy Burke stated that he and his wife are very compassionate about addicts. He stated that the best thing is to help individuals stop before it becomes a problem. He stated that when he was in substance abuse counseling that he was told you cannot get high or overdose on Suboxone but that is not true. Mr. Burke stated that he did not like what these treatment facilities was doing to our people. He stated that people come from West Virginia, Kentucky plus your police receive several calls from issues at the addiction treatment facilities. Mr. Burke requested if the Town allowed these facilities just for the income they bring to the Town. He presented the Town Ordinance that was approved by the Town on February 25, 2004, concerning Suboxone Clinics. He stated that he loved the Town therefore he didn't want the existing Suboxone Clinics here much less another one.

Tara Dye from Cleveland advised that she had some questions for the Spero Health group. She questioned what is the percentage rate of substance abuse individuals that have full recovery. Dr. Crowder advised that its according to the individual. Some it will be a long treatment for them to fully recovery because this issue didn't happen overnight. He explained the process for which patients are treated. Ms. Dye questioned their success rate. Dr. Crowder stated that most patients after completing the program continue to stay clean. Ms. Reynolds advised that she had one mother who completely turned her life around and is now getting her kids back. Ms. Dye advised that she has an office near the methadone clinic at Claypool Hill area and lost two patients due to traffic accidents involving individuals coming from the methadone clinic. She stated her concerns with this clinic being next to the Play Hut in the event of someone being denied medication.

Eddie Hall, Lebanon Resident, expressed his concerns with the location being near the Play Hut, the number of Suboxone Clinic within the Town and with School Buses backed up in front of the location in the mornings.

Wanda Burke, Lebanon Resident, stated that the only thing that leads to full recovery is Jesus Christ. She advised that when you hear someone say they have been on Suboxone for 10-years and now just starting to wean them off . She advised that she loves all the individuals with addiction and has met thousands within the past fifteen years. She advised that Mark Mero will be in Town September 14 and 15, 2022, with Community night on September 15, 2022, at 7:00. Ms. Reynolds advised that Spero Health would like to be part of this event. Ms. Burke stated that this is just Mark Mero's event.

Scott Hughes, Town Resident, stated that he is a career nurse that suffers from an alcohol addiction which stated that his treatment is just water. He stated that his wife was a career nurse also who became addicted to narcotics by a local physician who is no longer in business. He stated that individuals must desire to be better before they can overcome their addiction.

Dawn Smith, Local Resident, stated that she was here as an advocate for all the kids. She advised that the Spero Health seems to be a full-treatment facility but some of the other clinics may have started out with the same goal but then guidelines are not followed as time passes. She questioned how we as a community can stop these problems before it becomes an issue. Ms. Smith stated that she doesn't want these clinics in the Town. She advised that businesses close to these clinics have customers that are scared of the people that are patients at these clinics.

Larry Hughes, Local Resident, presented the Town Ordinance that was approved several years ago at a Town Council meeting which he attended and also spoke regarding Suboxone Clinics. Mr. Hughes questioned if this Ordinance was still in effect. Mayor Dodi advised that the Town Council will seek legal counseling regarding this Town Ordinance. Mr. Hughes stated that if this ordinance is still valid these Suboxone Clinics would be in violation at the current locations.

Mayor Dodi thanked each person for attending the Town Council meeting and spoke plus thanked Spero Health for attending the meeting as well. He advised that the Town would follow State guidelines. He stated that the Town Council shared the concerns that was spoken tonight. He stated that it is very difficult to explain the need for even one Suboxone Clinic much less six or seven. Mr. Leonard stated that he was completely against another Suboxone Clinic coming to the Town. Mr. Leonard advised that it is not about the money to the Town Council for the clinics because the gross sales for all of them last year only had a total of \$739,000 which the Town only received \$1,963.00 in Business License Tax. He advised that the location for the new clinic is next to an established business that provides pediatric treatment, speech therapy, occupation therapy and soon physical therapy. He stated the Town partners with drug task force, and they stated that Suboxone was the second most commonly illegal sold drug in Russell County next to methamphetamine

Ms. Jackson questioned the period most patients are treated by Suboxone. Dr. Crowder stated it has a lot to do with each patient, maybe how bad they are addicted or how long a period they have been addicted. Ms. Jackson questioned how patients can sell Suboxone. Dr. Crowder advised that Spero Health requires a drug test to make sure the patients are using it correctly and pill count, if the patients don't participate, they deny their prescription. Dr. Crowder advised that he used to be a pediatric physician but after losing a close friend to an overdose that he left his career. He started working with drug addiction even taking a pay cut because of the great passion he had for drug addiction patients. David Hayden with Spero Health advised that he is from a small town in Kentucky, he stated that he has personally saw the damage caused by addiction and also the benefit that treatment can have on individuals. He advised that not all of their patients receive medication some only counseling. Mr. Hayden stated that they require all of their patients to attend counseling plus they do not prescribe excess amounts of medication.

Amy Chapman, local business owner, questioned what method of protection Spero would provide for other businesses within that building. Mr. Hayden advised that they weed out patients that are not there for the right reasons.

Rebecca Rose, local business owner, stated that she already had customers that stated they used to see Dr. Gregory who is located near a Suboxone Clinic that quit going to his office due the being scared of the Suboxone Clinic patients plus lots of traffic. She advised that she cannot afford to lose customers plus the location is really bad. Ms. Rose advised that now she never locks her car doors but after the clinic is opened, she will lock her car doors plus her shop. Ms. Reynolds advised that some of the offices are all ladies. She is not scared plus she stated these same people are at Wal-Mart, churches other places within our Town. She advised that so many people are on Suboxone that you never know that they are because it allows them to function normal. Valerie Reynolds husband advised that his wife didn't have to work therefore if he thought she was in danger at her job he would never allow her to work. Mr. Reynolds requested the public give Spero Health a chance in the community.

Angie Carpenter, local business owner, stated that her business is located near a Suboxone Clinic and a Pharmacy. She stated that several patients have been in her business while waiting on their prescription and stole merchandise. She advised the best way to help is prevention.

- XIV. Recess: 7:25 P.M.
- XV. Adjourn: 7:45 P.M.
- XVI. Enter closed session: 7:48 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 to discuss personnel, acquisition or sale of property and legal advice 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. Leonard, seconded by Ms. Jackson, 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.
- XVII. Adjourn closed session: 9:33 P.M.
- XVIII. Upon motion made by Mr. Fields, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the Town Council unanimously voted to hire Bradley Osborne for the Water Plant Operator position at the discussed salary. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.
- XIX. Upon motion made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Ms. Jackson, the Town Council unanimously voted to make a request for Virginia Attorney General to give an opinion on the legality on the Town Ordinance on drug treatment facilities and the ability of the Town generally to regulate through the zoning or otherwise medical facilities specializing in drug addiction treatment.

Roll Call vote as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

Mayor Dodi advised that he and Mr. Tiller would meet to move forward through the Local Senator to make this request to the Virginia Attorney General.

XX. Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Town Council unanimously voted to acquire the Deel property that is adjacent to the Lebanon Town Hall for the negotiating price of \$15,000 the property is off Central Avenue. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

XXI. Town Managers Report

Mr. Shortt presented choice of colors from Southern Corrosion to paint the water tanks. The Town Council agreed using Rain Forest Green. Mr. Shortt advised that Southern Corrosion plan to start this year with the Quillen Tank. Mayor Dodi requested Southern Corrosion paint the water tank behind the Holiday Inn if possible next year.

Mr. Shortt advised that Jim Porter with AEP plans to be in Lebanon on Wednesday to meet with him concerning the downtown lighting project. Mr. Shortt advised that at this point: retrofit of existing fixtures \$29,599.00, poles and fixtures \$182,096.00 which totals \$211,695.00

Mr. Shortt presented some highlights regarding the Town of Lebanon audit.

Mr. Shortt advised that currently the Town of Lebanon's 10-inch main water line that feeds the whole Town plus the Duty Tank which feeds the County water has a major water leak which ruffly is losing 100 to 150 gallons a minute. He stated that this line goes under the four lane and there is not any casement pipe around it. He advised that this project is top priority due to the fact that the whole Town plus the County would be out of water if the line totally blew out. He advised that after speaking with VDOT it could take five to six weeks to receive the necessary permits to bore under the four lanes therefore his thoughts and the water and sewer supervisors are to go by Scott Gilmer's house and tie in at Bonanza. Mr. Shortt advised that he received a quote for the boring approximately 400 feet from Boyd's Construction at \$625.00 a foot which totals \$250,000.00. He advised that he received three quotes for the pipe but the only one that has the pipe available is CMC for the amount of \$119,210.00 for 2600 foot of 10-inch pipe. Mr. Gilmer requested that Mr. Shortt move forward with the permits. Mr. Lambert requested that Mr. Shortt check with JABO and Lee Supply Company for pricing and availability of the 10-inch pipe. Mr. Gilmer requested the Town start on the Bonanza side in the event there are obstacles that would prevent the Town Employees from providing this work for this project.

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Ms. Stanley, the Town Council unanimously voted for Mr. Shortt to purchase the 10-inch PVC Pipe but not to exceed the amount of \$120,000. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

Mr. Shortt requested the Town Council pleasure regarding a Town Surplus Auction. Mr. Gilmer requested a list of the potential surplus items for the Finance Committee to review.

XXII. Fire Department Report

Mr. Brad Cook presented the monthly fire department report. Mr. Cook advised that the Fire Department election was tonight, and John Michael McCoy is the new Fire Chief effective July 1, 2022. He advised that as of now he would be Assistant Vice Chief. He advised that they have purchased the ladders for the fire truck at a price of \$1,300.00 with about a six-month turnaround period. He advised that to ship the ladders the price is \$786.00. The Town Council agreed to pay the shipping charge rather than sending someone to pick them up. Mr. Cook presented quotes for Lion Gear for the amount of \$19,484.00, next is the best more like a Cadillac plan Gear for the amount \$21,866.00, next is the Globe Gear with price increase is \$20,300.00. Mr. Cook stated that Witmer would honor the first quote for Globe Gear if he ordered today in the amount of \$18,615.20. He advised that Witmer is the only company that provider Globe Gear in this area. Mr. Leonard advised that at the last council meeting they requested three quotes. Mr. Cook advised that he had one for Globe Gear, Lion Gear and received another quote this morning. Mr. Cook advised that he was working to receive another quote from a different company other than Witmer. Mr. Leonard advised that he was expecting a quote from Witmer and two other companies. Mr. Cook advised that no one in this area sells Globe Gear but Witmer. Mr. Gilmer advised that in future purchases he would recommend on getting three quotes from different companies.

Upon motion made by Ms. Stanley, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the first quote from Witmer in the amount of \$18,615.20 for four sets of Globe Gear. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

Mr. Cook advised that he met with Lonzo Lester with the County concerning the purchase of digital and analog radios. Mr. Lester stated that he is proposing to the County to purchase radios for the EMS and Fire Departments within the County in the amount of \$502,000.00. Mr. Cook advised that Mr. Lester is proposing an additional \$15,000.00 to the Fire Department. The Town Council discussed ordering the Police Departments radios through the County at the discounted cost.

XXIII. Chief of Police Report

Chief Deskins presented the monthly police report. Chief Deskins requested approval for him to submit the USDA Grant Application for a Police Vehicle. The Town Council approved for Chief Deskins to submit the USDA Grant Application. Officer Tyler Hart presented an update regarding his duties.

XXIV. Committee Reports and Recommendations

Mr. Gilmer questioned if the camera at the park has a DVR system so they can pull footage on any activity at the parks. Chief Deskins stated that there was an issue with the camera that required Jacob Musick to assist. The Town Council requested Mr. Shortt check on updating the camera system. Mr. Gilmer stated that he is still interested in placing rock on the Baptist Church Wall but was waiting for the amount of funds left in Urban Maintenance. Mr. Leonard advised that Steffey Construction quoted an estimate of \$27,600.00 for the Baptist Church Wall.

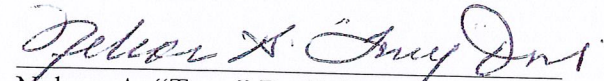
Mr. Gilmer stated that he reviewed the Town's Financial status several times. He stated that if the Town Council didn't increase the water rates, there would be a negative of around \$75,000.00 to \$90,000.00 in the budget for the water. Mr. Gilmer requested the Town Council members revisit the water rates. Mr. Gilmer advised that the water rates are still short of what inflation has been for the past several years due to the Town Council's concern about raising the rates for the Town citizens. He advised the Mr. Farmer stated regarding VDH Funding, if the Town's rates are not competitive then VDH would only award loans and not grants because VDH bases their decision on a percentage of how aggressive a Town is on their water rates. Mr. Gilmer advised that he revisited the PER's the distribution side PER is \$2.5 million, the PER for Wastewater Plant is \$6.7 million and the PER for the Water Plant is \$3.7 million. Mr. Gilmer advised that the Bond payment that the first two years the payment is lower but this fiscal year that amount will balloon back up to \$115,000.00. Mr. Gilmer advised that there is a payment to Southern Corrosion for \$44,000.00 tank maintenance for the next ten years. Mr. Gilmer advised that Mr. Shortt researched water rates at other localities and the Town of Lebanon is still \$10.00 below any other nearby Town at the proposed rate increase. The Town Council discussed increasing the water, sewer and garbage rates for Town Citizens. Mr. Gilmer advised that by increasing the In-Town Residential flat rate for each water, sewer and garbage by \$1 which will be a yearly increase of \$36 for Town Citizens who use around 3000 gallons a month.


Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Town Council voted to increase the In-Town Residential water, sewer and garbage flat rate by \$1 each and the tier rate will increase as proposed. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Nay; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

Mr. Leonard advised that he discussed last year with the finance manager to draw down an average administration fee quarterly from the State Street funds. Mr. Leonard advised that Mr. Shortt advised him during the budget that the administration fees has not been drawn down at all for this fiscal year therefore that changes all his monthly reports. Mr. Leonard proposed to change the payment for the downtown lighting to AEP from \$250,000.00 to \$74,557.84 now and after July 1, 2022, pay the remaining \$175,442.16. He advised that this would mean taking \$380,000.00 out of Urban Maintenance for the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget to complete the lighting project plus if there are any paving or striping needed. He advised that Ed Osborne had been added to the Street Department and if necessary, they could move him back to Water Maintenance. Mr. Leonard advised that they could use ARPA Funds for the Downtown Lighting Project.

XXV. Adjourn: 11:29 P.M.

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, the Town Council unanimously voted to adjourn to reconvene on June 20, 2022, at 6:00 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