

Lebanon Town Council
Reconvened Meeting
Town Hall, Lebanon, Virginia
Monday, June 20, 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: A. Diane Nunley, Clerk of Council

Staff Members Absent: Andrew R. Shortt, Town Manager
Kevin D. Tiller, Town Attorney
Richard Eric Deskins, Chief of Police

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dodi.
- II. Prayer: Mayor Dodi
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approve 2022-2023 Budget

Mr. Gilmer advised that the only change he had for the 2022-2023 Budget is the pay for the Town Council members. He stated that in the proposed Budget there is a \$500.00 increase effective January 1, 2023. He stated that he would propose to change the increase amount to \$100.00.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Ms. Stanley, the Town Council voted to increase the Town Council monthly pay by \$100.00 and increase the Town Mayor by \$110.00 effective January 1, 2023.

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 questioned the tax relief for the Town Citizens. Mr. Leonard advised that it will be a relief for the citizens with Real Estate in good standing with the Town as of May 1, 2022. Mayor Dodi advised that he has a problem with mailing a tax relief check and then raising the water and sewer rates for the Town Citizens. Mr. Leonard advised the water and sewer rates have been subsidized with taxes therefore, the water and sewer rates need to be increased to take care of their department financial needs and give the citizens a break on the taxes. He advised that he was not for increasing taxes even though the Town implemented a Cigarette Tax because the County approved a Cigarette Tax that would obtain the revenue if the Town didn't pass the

Cigarette Tax. Mr. Leonard advised that he felt the Town Council earned a monthly pay increase because of the time and expenses they incur with the meetings and research.

Upon motion made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, the Town Council unanimously voted to give a 25% Real Estate tax relief for the fiscal year 2021-2022 that are current on their Real Estate taxes as of May 1, 2022.

The Roll Call 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 Mr. Leonard, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the 2022-2023 Budget including to decrease the proposed council monthly pay from \$500 to \$100 and the mayor from \$510 to \$110 effective January 1, 2023, all the surplus from this decrease to be added to Capital Outlay as per the Town Manager discretion. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

V. Employee Annual Picnic

Mayor Dodi requested the Town Council review their calendars to schedule the annual employee picnic. Mayor Dodi advised that Mr. Leonard's idea to schedule the annual employee picnic on a Friday is a great idea for the future.

Upon motion made by Ms. Stanley, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the annual employee picnic for August 9, 2022, starting at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Park shelter and pool. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Nay; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

VI. Delinquent Meals & Lodging

Mr. Leonard advised that several have been delinquent multiple months on their meal's taxes. He stated that he felt the Town need to move forward with the legal process on these past due taxes. Mr. Leonard requested that Mr. Tiller move forward to the next step after placing judgement for the delinquent meals tax for Stone Cellar as Michelle Duty owner. The Town Council discussed the delinquent meals tax. Mayor Dodi advised that he would like for Mr. Tiller to inform the businesses on the delinquent meals and lodging taxes that they are in violation of the Virginia law by collecting the taxes and not paying the Town the required percentage.

Upon motion made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Fields, the Town Council unanimously voted to move forward with legal action with all delinquent meals and lodging tax of 60-days or greater. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Ms. Stanley, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye.

VII. Mayor Dodi advised that he spoke with Senator Todd Pillion concerning the Town of Lebanon's Ordinance regarding Suboxone Clinics. Senator Pillion had forwarded the Town's request to the Attorney General and he will update the Town Council regarding the progress.

Mr. Leonard advised that he spoke with Mayor Dodi concerning the Virginia Code 37.2-406 Conditions for initial licensure of certain providers. He advised that he sent this information to Senator Pillion also. Mr. Leonard questioned Mayor Dodi regarding if he spoke with the town attorney concerning this code. Mayor Dodi advised that he would get in touch with Mr. Tiller. Mr. Leonard read part of the Virginia Code 37.2-406:

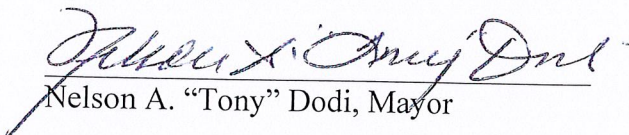
Notwithstanding the Commissioner's discretion to grant licenses pursuant to this article or any Board regulation regarding licensing, no initial license shall be granted by the Commissioner to a provider of treatment for persons with opiate addiction through the use of (i) methadone or (ii) opioid replacements other than opioid replacements approved for the treatment of opioid addiction by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration if the provider is to be located within one-half mile of a public or private licensed day care center or a public or private K-12 school, except when such service is provided by a hospital licensed by the Board of Health or the Commissioner or is owned or operated by an agency of the Commonwealth.

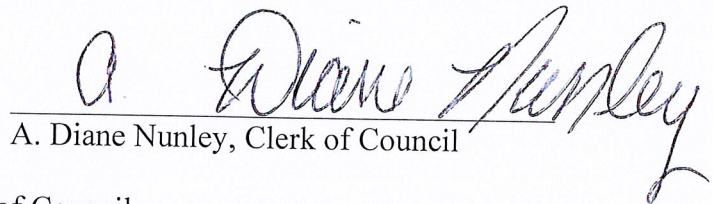
The Town Council discussed this Virginia Code.

Mr. Lambert advised that he and several other council members have received several citizen complaints regarding the park facilities not being clean. He requested Mayor Dodi pass this information along regarding this issue to Mr. Shortt.

VIII. Adjourn: 6:59 P.M.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Lambert, 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