

Lebanon Town Council
Regular Monthly Meeting
Town Hall, Lebanon, Virginia
Monday, June 10, 2024
6:00 P.M.

Council Members Present: Nelson A. "Tony" Dodi, Mayor
DeAnna C. Jackson, Vice- Mayor
Scott J. Gilmer, Council Member
M. Elijah Leonard, Council Member
W. Bradley Lambert, Council Member
J. Leonard Kegley, Council Member
Nina J. Fields, Council Member

Staff Members Present: Andrew R. Shortt, Town Manager
Kevin D. Tiller, Town Attorney
Richard Eric Deskins, Chief of Police
A. Diane Nunley, Clerk of Council

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. Gilmer requested to add before the Public Hearing to discuss the proposed Moss 3 Mega Landfill project to the agenda.

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

V. Edit and approve minutes from the 05/13/24 council meeting:

Upon motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the minutes of the 05/13/24 council meeting were unanimously approved. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

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

Mr. Shortt presented an A/P Preliminary Report Part B.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the accounts payable for the month of May including the A/P Preliminary Report Part B was unanimously approved. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

VII. **Discuss the proposed Moss 3 Mega Landfill project**

Mr. Gilmer stated his concern as well as the community concerns regarding the Russell County Moss 3 Proposed Mega Landfill. He advised that working in the public with his profession, he hears a lot of concerned citizens regarding the landfill. He stated that his concerns are aligned with the concerns of the citizens. Mr. Gilmer advised that he requested from the Town Manager to obtain any information that the Board of Supervisors could provide to the public regarding the Moss 3 Landfill. Mr. Shortt advised that he had made multiple attempts by telephone and email to the Board of Supervisors requesting information regarding the Moss 3 Mega Landfill but is yet to receive any information. Mr. Gilmer stated that he feels the Town of Lebanon will be affected by the economic impact the landfill will have on our area such as air pollution, air quality, quality of life. He stated that he looked at the numbers of 6,000 to 10,000 tons of trash a day with twenty percent by truck and eighty percent by rail coming through our community to reach the landfill. He advised that the trucks would travel the Town's roads which will create filth and pollution as well as hurt the evaluation of our homes. He stated that the Town of Lebanon is a hub to the Clinch.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Ms. Jackson, the Town Council unanimously voted for the Town Manager and Mayor Dodi to prepare a letter of opposition to the Russell County Board of Supervisors regarding the Moss 3 Mega Landfill project.

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

The Town Council stated their concerns regarding the Moss 3 Mega Landfill project such as quality of life, tourism, road damage, increase in traffic, Southwest Virginia tourism market, Real Estate, infrastructure.

VIII. **Public Hearing**

2024-2025 Town of Lebanon Budget

- A. Enter into public hearing: 6:15 P.M.
- B. Kelly McBride Director for the Russell County Library requested the Town consider an increase in their donation to the Russell County Library. She advised that she is retiring effective July 1, 2024, as the director for the Russell County Library. She stated that the Town of Honaker gives \$2.50 per capita to the Town of Lebanon's \$.96 per capita.
- C. Adjourn: 6:19 P.M.

IX. **Public Request**

Angie Carpenter

Angie Carpenter advised that she wished to introduce another project that she is working on to the Town Council. She stated that she has started a TV Channel/Station it is called Mountain Air Productions. She stated that her intentions are to help market Lebanon as well as Russell County. The channel is on Roku which is free to the public. She listed some things she can offer the Town such as hosting the Town Council meetings, market all Town events, alert the public with any Town issues, general information such as job openings, potential for additional streaming services. She advised that her rates are very competitive with other local TV stations.

Sherrie Patton-Landfill

Sherrie Patton, a local resident from the Hansonville area, expressed her appreciation for the Town Council approving the letter to oppose the Russell County Landfill project. She encouraged the Town Council to view their facebook page We Say No to Moss 3 Landfill, they have studies, surveys, facts listed there to educate the public. She presented a map showing a six-mile radius with Carbo being the center, she stated that the landfill will affect the sell of homes because of the odor.

R. D. Snead-Landfill

R. D. Snead, local business owner, expressed his appreciation for Mr. Gilmer's opposing the landfill as well as all the Town Council members. He stated that the Board of Supervisor's need to listen to the public voices concerning them opposing the landfill. He stated that he spoke with a person in Abingdon which expressed their concerns regarding the landfill knowing it will affect area counties as well.

X. New Business

Community Development Block Grant Lebanon Villas Infrastructure Project

Keith Viers Executive Director for Cumberland Plateau Regional Housing Authority presented a Memo of Understanding between the Town of Lebanon and Cumberland Plateau Regional Housing Authority. The MOU authorizes the Town of Lebanon to obtain funding from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development which Cumberland Plateau Regional Housing Authority maintains ownership of and is in the process of developing parcels within the Town's municipal limits known as the Main Street Villas, which shall consist of new Low-to-Moderate Income Housing. Mr. Viers expressed his appreciation for the Towns support for the Main Street Villas project.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the Memo of Understanding between the Town of Lebanon and Cumberland Plateau Regional Housing Authority as presented. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

Mayor Dodi presented a resolution stating that the Town of Lebanon wishes to apply for \$2,000,000 of Community Development Block Grant funds for the Main Street Villas Infrastructure Project, in partnership and collaboration with the Cumberland Plateau Regional

Housing Authority. Mr. Viers advised that the age needed to be changed in the resolution to state as follows:

WHEREAS the Main Street Villas Housing Development includes the construction of 21 housing units, of which each unit may house 1-2 individuals. With the intended residents to be of over the age of 55 years and Low-to-Moderate Income.

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Ms. Fields, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the resolution stating that the Town of Lebanon wishes to apply for \$2,000,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant funds for the Main Street Villas Infrastructure Project, in partnership and collaboration with the Cumberland Plateau Regional Housing Authority with amending the age to 55. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

Pavement Markings Bids

Mayor Dodi opened the sealed bids for the Pavement Markings Bids. The bids was as follows:

Clatterbuck Pavement Markings, Inc.	\$94.72 per foot
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Upon motion made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, the Town Council unanimously voted to award the Pavement Markings Bid to Clatterbuck Pavement Markings, Inc., at the quoted price of \$94.72 per foot for the three-year contract. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields.

Russell Theater Seasonal Passes

Ms. Jackson stated that several citizens had approached her concerning season passes for the Russell Theater therefore Mr. Farmer worked up some pricing for seasonal passes for the remainder of 2024. She presented a list of the proposed Russell Theater Seasonal passes. The Town Council agreed to table the Russell Theater Seasonal passes discussion until the June 24, 2024, meeting in order for Mr. Farmer to explain the pricing.

XI. Town Managers Report

Mr. Shortt presented a quote from Bristol Signs for new signage at the Lebanon Fire Department building. He stated that he requested several times by email and telephone to Jerry's Signs in Abingdon to also provide a quote but as of this afternoon they have not responded. The quote was as follows:

Bristol Sign	\$14,040.02
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Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the Bristol Sign quote in the amount of \$14,040.02 to purchase signage for the Lebanon Fire Department building. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

Mr. Shortt advised that once Steffey Construction started laying the rock on the Fire Department building but there is nothing to hold the rock over the ledge therefore Mr. Steffey has requested to lay brick over the original block to provide support for the rock plus black trim to the ground and paint the brick black. The quote from Steffey Construction for this additional cost is \$5,850.00.

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Kegley, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve Steffey Construction quote to lay brick, install black trim to the ground and paint the brick black at the quoted price of \$5,850.00. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

Mr. Shortt presented a quote from Front Row Music for additional lighting at the Russell Theater for the amount of \$12,445.60. Mayor Dodi advised that currently the lighting at the Russell Theater shows cuts the performers heads off.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Ms. Jackson, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the Front Row Music quote in the amount of \$12,445.60 for additional lighting for the Russell Theater stage area. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

Mr. Shortt presented a quote from Front Row Music for two 85" Samsung Screens that will be flush with the wall but can fold out for advertising. The Town Council discussed this request.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Town Council unanimously voted to table the Front Row Music quote until the reconvened meeting later this month in order to obtain more information. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

Mr. Shortt advised that he met with Jim Porter with AEP to discuss replacing the lighting at Ballfield, but Mr. Porter requested a decision as to what type of lighting either Little League guidelines or to continue to use the wooden poles. Mr. Lambert stated that he desired the Little League guideline lighting because the pricing would not be much different. Mr. Lambert requested Mr. Shortt include four or six more lights for the picketball court.

Mr. Shortt advised that the Virginia Governor has declared July 5th as a State Holiday plus the Russell County Board of Supervisors is honoring July 5th as a Holiday for the county employees.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve July 5th as a paid Holiday for the Town of Lebanon Employees. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

Mr. Shortt stated that the VRSA Insurance Renewal is increasing by the amount of \$14,153.00 for this fiscal year, the total amount due is \$158,014.00. He stated that the reason for the increase is the new van, vacuum truck plus the purchase of the property behind the Town Hall.

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the VRSA Insurance Renewal at the quoted cost of \$158,014.00. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

Mr. Shortt stated that the Gridsmart at the redlight at the intersection of Church Avenue has failed. Mr. Kegley questioned how many more lights needed to be updated with the miovision. Mr. Shortt advised that two redlights have been replaced with miovision with three remaining lights to be updated. Mr. Shortt stated that the quote to purchase one miovision is \$14,752.00.

Upon motion made by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the Town Council unanimously voted to replace all the Gridsmarts with miovision in the three remaining redlights by purchasing two now in the current fiscal year budget leaving to purchase one in the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

Mr. Shortt stated that he really appreciates all the Town Employees for their hard work during the Cedar Fest event. The Town Council expressed their appreciation for the excellent job by all the Town Employees. Mayor Dodi requested Mr. Shortt draft a letter from the Mayor and Town Council to all Town Employees that worked the event reflecting their work to express the Council's appreciation. Mr. Shortt stated that the Russell County PSA let the Town use their generator in order to provide three phase power for Chase Matthews, he stated that he would mail a Thank You letter to express the Town's appreciation for this act of kindness.

XII. Chief of Police Report

Chief Deskins presented the monthly Police Report. He requested to speak with the Town Council in closed session regarding some employee issues.

XIII. Town Attorney Report

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

XIV. Enter closed session: 7:31 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)(3)(7) for the purpose of personnel, acquisition or sale of property, and legal. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

B. Upon motion made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, the Town Council unanimously voted to return to regular session. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, 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.

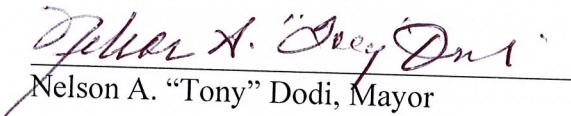
The roll call vote was as follows: Mayor Dodi, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye; Mr. Tiller, Aye; Mr. Shortt, Aye; Chief Deskins, Aye.

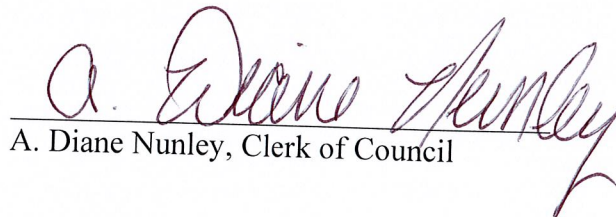
XV. Adjourn closed session: 8:36 P.M.

XVI. Mr. Gilmer requested an update regarding either painting or replacing the siding on the Veterans Building. Mr. Shortt stated that painting will be sufficient. Mr. Gilmer requested binders for the 2024-2024 Budget for the next Council meeting. Mr. Gilmer questioned if a credit card was ordered for the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Shortt advised that he would order a credit card for the Parks and Recreation Department.

XVII. Adjourn: 8:45 P.M.

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, the Town Council unanimously voted to adjourn to reconvene for June 24, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, 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