

Lebanon Town Council  
Called Meeting  
Town Hall, Lebanon, Virginia  
Monday, January 26, 2026  
5:00 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  
Shane Farmer, Parks and Recreation Director

Staff Members Absent: Diane Nunley, Clerk of Council  
Richard Eric Deskins, Chief of Police

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

II. Prayer: Nina Fields

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Mayor Dodi advised the Town Council that only the items listed on the agenda for the Called meeting could be discussed.

V. **America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

Mayor Dodi advised that he spoke with Stewart Etter concerning changing all the hanging baskets throughout the Town to Red, White and Blue in recognition of America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Mayor Dodi advised that he had secured Steel Cookin and Ricochet for July 4<sup>th</sup> entertainment plus increase the budget for fireworks.

Mr. Farmer mentioned the possibility of incorporating a drone show.

Mr. Gilmer expressed interest in exploring the option of inviting larger marching bands for the parade.

Mr. Leonard recommended in looking into sponsorship opportunities to fund banners to be displayed on Main Street recognizing all Russell County and Town of Lebanon veterans.

VI. West Main Street Wall Project Bid Discussion

Mr. Gilmer stated that after reviewing all the bids, he would like for the Town Employees to complete the site preparation portion of the project.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the Town Council unanimously voted to reject all the bids for the West Main Street Wall project and move forward with the Town of Lebanon employees completing the site preparation portion of the project. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

Mr. Gilmer stated that he feels confident in the Town Employees completing the site prep, segmented wall, aluminum fencing, painting the guardrail, signage and finished grading. He requested materials cost estimate for the segmented wall portion of the project plus Mr. Shortt to speak with Nathan Brown concerning engineering approval requirements.

Mr. Kegley requested Mr. Shortt to communicate with Nathan Brown regarding George Pruner's concerns with the wall removal.

VII. Enter closed session: 5:30 P.M.

A. Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Town Council unanimously voted to go into closed session under Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1)(5) for the purpose of personnel and prospective business or industry. 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 Ms. Jackson, 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. Andrew R. Shortt, Town Manager, 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. Shortt, Aye.


VIII. Adjourn Closed Session: 6:14 P.M.

IX.

Adjourn: 6:15 P.M.

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Ms. Fields, the Town Council unanimously voted to adjourn. 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: Andrew Shortt, Town Manager

Minutes prepared by: A. Diane Nunley, Clerk of Council