

Lebanon Town Council
Regular Monthly Meeting
Town Hall, Lebanon, Virginia
Monday, March 9, 2026
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
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:

Ms. Jackson requested to add under Committee Reports discuss America's 250 Birthday. Mr. Gilmer requested to discuss housing budget under Finance Committee reports.

Upon motion made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Ms. Fields, 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 2/09/26 council meeting:

Upon motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the minutes of the 02/09/26 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 February:

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 February including 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 Recognition

Lebanon High School Wrestling Team

Mayor Dodi presented certificates to the following Lebanon High School wrestling students and coach:

Ian Ray-2026 VHSL State Wrestling Champion
Grayson Brammer-Sixth Place VHSL State Wrestling
Hazel Garrett-Fourth Place VHSL Women's State Wrestling
Dylan Smith-Wrestling Coach

Booker Steffey Bricklayer World Champion

Mayor Dodi presented plaque to the following Russell County Career & Technology student and instructor:

Booker Steffey-2026 Spec Mix Jr Bricklayer 500 World Champion
Shannon Brooks-Masonry Instructor

VIII. Public Request

Christopher Varner-Phat Patty's Bike Night Requesting Close Down North Mill Avenue

Christopher Varner owner of Phat Patty's Bar and Grill requested the Town Council approval to shut down N Mill Avenue for Friday bike night every other week and cruise-in car show on Saturday. He stated that his request is to close N Mill Avenue from Main Street to Russell Street. The closure times are for bike nights from 5:00-10:00 and cruise-in car show from 12:00-5:00. Mr. Varner stated that on the car show he is not sure of the turnout but if he doesn't have room, he plans to use the side street. He stated that the expense to run the restaurant is great plus none of the previous restaurants have been able to make it at this location. Mr. Gilmer requested, if possible, to wait until 5:15-5:30 to close the road down to accommodate the people getting off work at 5:00.

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve Christopher Varner, owner of Phat Patty's Bar and Grill, to close down North Mill Avenue every other Friday night for Bike Night and close down North Mill Avenue on Saturday for cruise-in car show. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

Ryan Potts-Lebanon High Softball

Ryan Potts, principal of Lebanon High School with Rosie Musick and Greta Morrison Girls Softball parents, expressed his appreciation to the Town for the continued use of the ballfield. He stated that they had work done on the Girl's Softball field with plans for it to be ready for the girls to play on by spring. He presented a pre-station showing the improvements to the field by Gardners as well as the parents plus showing that after seeding the grass is not growing back. Mr. Potts stated that the school has funds to purchase the sod for the Girl's Softball field, but they are requesting assistance from the Town Employees to lay the sod. He stated that the first girls' game

is March 31st. The Town Council discussed the Girl's Softball Field project and agreed for the Town Employees provide the labor to lay the sod. Mr. Potts requested for the Town Employees to help with maintenance for the first couple of months. Mr. Leonard expressed his appreciation to the Girl's Softball parents for their labor and time spent in enhancing the Girls Softball field upgrade.

IX. New Business

Award Bid for Main Street Villas Project

Keith Viers director for Cumberland Plateau Regional Housing Authority and Matthew Lane President/Project Manager for the Lane Group presented their recommendation to award to the lowest bidder the Main Street Villas Senior Living Community Infrastructure bid to Quesenberry's Inc. in the amount of \$1,365,267.70. Mr. Lane advised that the bid came in under budget. He stated that Phase I of this project is most of the underground utilities, storm water, water, sewer, sidewalks, pavement plus preparing the pads for the construction of the buildings, but they will stop short of finishing the work until the actual homes are constructed. After the homes are completed, they will complete Phase II which is to put finish touches on everything from Phase I.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Ms. Fields, the Town Council voted to award Quenenberry's Inc. the bid for the Main Street Villas Senior Living Community Infrastructure for the amount of \$1,365,267.70. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, due to his professional job and not showing favoritism to contractors Abstain; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

Resolution to obtain Financial Assistance to purchase Brush Truck

Mayor Dodi presented the resolution to obtain Financial Assistance from United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development to purchase a Brush Truck.

Upon motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the Town Council unanimously voted to facilitate obtaining financial assistance from the United States of America, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development to purchase a Bruch Truck. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

X. Town Managers Report

West End Wall Materials

Mr. Shortt stated that the West End Wall project has gone well and faster than anticipated. He stated that they are ready to purchase the block. He advised that he received a quote from E-Dillion plus contacted a couple other vendors to get a quote, but they stated that they cannot compete with E-Dillion because that is where they purchase their blocks from. Mr. Shortt requested the Town Council approve the quote from E-Dillion but not to exceed \$20,000.00 due to the fact not sure what they may need to finish this project.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve to purchase of materials from E-Dillion for the West End Wall project but not to exceed the amount of \$20,000.00. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

Veteran Banner Quotes

Mr. Shortt presented quotes to purchase 75 Veteran Banners. They are as follows:

Display Sales	\$89.00 per Banner plus a 3-year warranty
Mosca Design	\$116.00 per Banner
Gates Flag & Banner Co., Inc.	\$125.00 per Banner
Jerry's Signs, Inc.	\$195.77 per Banner

The Town Council discussed the Veteran's Banner. They agreed to charge \$25.00 for one banner and \$45.00 for two banners plus only allow to Veterans who were a Town Resident at one time of their life.

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the quote to purchase the Veterans Banners from Display Sales for the amount of \$89 but allow the public to purchase them at \$25.00 for one and \$45.00 for two. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

Project Updates

Mr. Shortt advised that he is beginning to work on the 2026-2027 Budget therefore he requested any department committee chair to let him know of any large purchase that they will need in capital outlay. He presented information regarding the Town's insurance will increase by 8.7% starting July 1, 2026. Mr. Shortt presented a request from Pal's Drive Thru 21 Manager Harrison Hester for an extension for Exemption from Foam Ban Law.

Upon motion made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve Pal's Drive Thru 21 an extension for an exemption from Foam Ban Law. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

XI. Chief of Police Report

Chief Deskins presented the monthly Police Report.

XII. Town Attorney Report

Mr. Tiller advised that he had nothing to report.

XIII. Committee Reports and Recommendations

Ms. Jackson stated that she had a few items regarding the Town celebrating America's 250th Birthday. She presented a picture of a proposed mural for the wall on North Church Avenue. She

stated that she has approval from the current property owner Bart Long to display the mural. The quote for the mural from Morgan Gilbert is \$5,110.25. They agreed for the Town Employees to provide any maintenance on the wall as needed before installation of the mural.

Upon motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Fields, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the quote from Morgan Gilbert for a mural for the amount of \$5,110.25. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

Ms. Jackson advised that the Master Gardeners wish to replace some plants located at the Farmers Market area that are dead, they requested for the Town Employees to dig up the plants so they can replace them. Ms. Jackson advised that also the Master Gardeners wish to plant a pollination garden at JS Easterly Park. Mayor Dodi advised Ms. Jackson to work with Mr. Shortt concerning these projects.

Mr. Gilmer advised that under the Finance Committee, Ms. Fields contacted him concerning the \$1,000.00 donation to Isaiah 117 House. He stated that in the budget the housing funds have not been utilized this year for hardships or other DHCD projects. Mr. Gilmer stated that the Isaiah 117 House must have in place \$70,000.00 for a full budget year before they can open the home. Mr. Gilmer requested to donate \$5,000.00 to the Isaiah 117 house from the housing budget. He stated that there is still one quarter left in this year's budget therefore if the Town receives any housing request there will be still funds available. He requested Ms. Nunley add to the June Agenda the housing budget therefore if there are remaining funds left, he would propose at that time for them to go to the Isaiah 117 House.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Ms. Fields, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve a donation to the Isaiah 117 House \$5,000.00 from the housing funds. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

Mr. Leonard stated that under the Street Department, some business owners approached him concerning placing signs for 2-hour parking on Main Street in front of their business to keep someone from parking permanently. The Town Council discussed this issue therefore Chief Deskins recommended towing the vehicles.

XIV. Enter closed session: 7:33 P.M.

- A. Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Town Council unanimously voted to go into closed session under Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1)(7) for the purpose of personnel 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. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Kegley, 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. Diane Nunley, clerk of council, presented the Roll Call Vote:

Virginia Code, 1950, Section 2.2-3712(D)

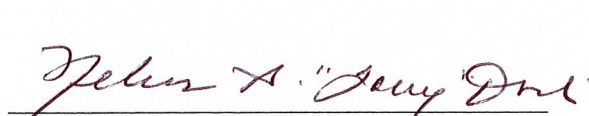
Do you certify that to the best of your knowledge, (1) the Town Council in its' closed session; only discussed public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this Chapter and (2) that only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed 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.

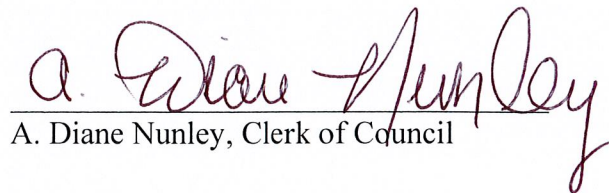
The roll call vote was as follows: Mayor Dodi, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye; Mr. Tiller, Aye; Mr. Shortt, Aye.

XV. Adjourn closed session: 8:15 P.M.

XVI. Adjourn: 8:16 P.M.

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Kegley, 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: A. Diane Nunley, Clerk of Council
Minutes prepared by: A. Diane Nunley, Clerk of Council