

Lebanon Town Council
Regular Monthly Meeting
Town Hall, Lebanon, Virginia
Monday, April 13, 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: Mack Stanfield Pastor Lebanon United Methodist Church
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Edit for items not on the agenda:

Upon motion made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Ms. Jackson, the agenda 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 03/09/26 council meeting:

Upon motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Fields, the minutes of the 03/09/26 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 March:

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the accounts payable for the month of March 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 Speech State Champions

Mayor Dodi congratulated the Lebanon High School students on being for the fifth time in a row the 2026 VHSL Class 2 Speech State Champions. He presented certificates to the following Lebanon High School Speech students:

Alexis Potts-State Champion Prose
Brock Keen-State Champion Impromptu Speaking
Chloe Dillon-State Champion Serious Dramatic Interpretation
Kali Saltz-State Runner-Up Prose
Landon Owens-State Runner-Up Extemporaneous Speaking
Sara Griffith-State Runner-Up Poetry
Ali Beck and Ethan Powers-State Runners-Up Humorous Duo
Autumn Brickman and Lilly Garrett-State Runners-Up Serious Duo
Abby Amos-Third Place Original Oratory
Olivia Sizemore and Lily Webster-Third Place Humorous Duo
Mercedes Raguz-Third Place Humorous Interpretation
Macie Ferguson-Original Oratory
Keaton Stallard-Humorous Interpretation
Hailey Smith-Storytelling
Saylor Sykes-Serious Dramatic Interpretation
Audra Dalton-Impromptu Speaking
Elliott Breeding-Poetry
Hailey Artrip-Poetry
Sarah Stoots-Coach

VIII. Public Request

Pamela Stone-Russell County Public Library

Pamela Stone director for Russell County Public Library along with Karen Davis Chair of the Board for the Russell County Public Library. Ms. Stone stated that her reason for attending the meeting is to request the Town's assistant to upgrade the Library's Camera System. She stated that one reason for the upgrade is that more people are coming into the library plus the other reason is for security reasons therefore she listed some instances where issues occurred that she had to call the Town Police which was exceptional in handling the situation. Ms. Stone presented two quotes to upgrade the camera system for the Lebanon Library. They are as follows:

Innovative Technology Solutions	\$8,810.00
Daly	\$18,113.00

Ms. Stone stated that her goal is to provide top-notch security for each child or adult that comes into the library. She stated that currently they have eight cameras that work in the library, but they really need at least twelve to thirteen cameras. She stated that her reason for not approaching Russell County Board of Supervisors is that they currently provide the library employees' salaries, wages, benefits and maintenance plus they need more support from the Town's where the libraries are located. The Town Council discussed Ms. Stone's request plus they agreed to discuss at the upcoming budget meetings. Ms. Stone stated that the library is looking for the state

to cut their funds therefore any donation amount will help. Mr. Gilmer advised that the Town is preparing for the upcoming 2026-2027 budget therefore they will consider Ms. Stone's request.

Wanda Burke local citizen stated that she believes in free speech as well as all that had the rally on Saturday in the Chafin Law Firm's parking lot. She stated that everyone has the right to voice their opinion positively or negatively. She stated that when they arrived at the Chafin parking lot on Saturday morning they were shocked by the ugly vulgar remarks that were written on the sidewalk and up the street in front of Chafin Law Firm plus across the street on the sidewalk as well as the wall plus things written on the concrete post. Ms. Burke advised that she and her husband Randy purchased water to try to remove the writing but soon realized it was too much for them, therefore they called Council Member Mr. Kegley whom reached out to Town Employee Hank Fields to clean the sidewalks. She stated that she was thankful that someone took pictures and sent them to Chafin Law Firm as well as Chief Deskins. She stated that this act was really sad since it was opening day of Little League therefore many families would be coming into the Town. She expressed her appreciation for Mr. Kegley as well as Hank Fields for getting this removed from all areas affected plus Chief Deskins for having Officer Helbert present to speak with the person who witnessed the act. Ms. Burke stated that the rally was to only provide information to the public concerning the April 21st vote, which is all about Southwest Virginia.

Carri Bradshaw recommended that the Town Council take the next step to adopt the Pro-Life Resolution which Russell County Board of Supervisors has adopted. She stated as legislation comes down from Richmond this would add local protection that no abortion clinic can locate within the Town of Lebanon. Ms. Bradshaw also recommended the Town Council adopt a Two-A Resolution to follow Russell County Board of Supervisors suite as well.

IX. New Business

Shane Farmer-Discuss CivicPlus Standard Package

Shane Farmer Parks and Recreation Director advised that currently the Town is a member of CivicPlus. He stated that CivicPlus can provide a package that would put everything we do online. He stated that the public can go online to book a room at the Recreation Center or Fire Hall which will eliminate any double booking. He stated that CivicPlus system is a request for his 2026-2027 budget. Mr. Farmer stated that the system is expensive. He presented a current cost estimate for the Parks and Recreation plus shows potential savings per day by installing the CivicPlus system. He stated that this system will help with sports league scheduling, point of sales, help create scheduling for staff, schedule events for rooms plus provide training for the staff at the price of \$30,159.61 which can be spread over four years or pay \$11,858.00 for first year with an annual payment of \$6,360.00. Mayor Dodi stated that the Finance Committee will consider Mr. Farmer's request at the budget meeting.

Dedication of the Russell Theater Pavilion

Mr. Farmer stated that the Town has not announced the use of the pavilion. He stated that the Town also needs to dedicate the pickleball courts. He requested to plan the ribbon cutting for the pavilion in May and recognize funding agents plus David Gilmer's welding class for making musical instruments for the pavilion. The Town Council agreed on the Parks and Recreation Chair Ms. Jackson work with Mr. Farmer to plan the dedication of the Russell Theater Pavilion. Mr. Farmer stated that WCYB has picked the Russell Theater as one of their stops to broadcast

for the entire day for their 70th anniversary, if possible, he might try to plan the dedication that day. He stated that he plans to have live music for the event.

X. Town Managers Report

Water Treatment Plant Finish Pump

Mr. Shortt presented quotes for a finish pump for the Water Treatment Plant. He stated that the current two finish pumps are about 25 years old with one being out of service. The quotes are as follows:

Boggs Municipal	\$5,221.00 which does not include freight or labor
Buchanan Pump Service	\$10,203.45 including estimate labor

Mr. Shortt recommended the quote from Boggs Municipal for the amount of \$5,221.00.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the Town council unanimously voted to approve the quote from Boggs Municipal for the amount of \$5,221.00 for the finish pump for the Water Treatment Plant. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Recycle Pump & Hydraulic Pump

Mr. Shortt presented quotes for a recycle pump for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The quotes are as follows:

Buchanan Pump Service	\$17,472.21 includes motor
Buchanan Pump Service	\$10,431.10 without motor
Capital Equipment Sales	\$10,560.53 without motor

Mr. Shortt recommended the quote from Buchanan Pump for the amount of \$10,431.10.

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Kegley, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the quote to purchase the recycle pump for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Buchanan Pump for the amount of \$10,431.10. 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 quotes for a Hydraulic Pump for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the current one is down, but he wants to get it rebuild to have a spare. The quotes are as follows:

Central Hydraulics, Inc.	\$7,212.48
Buchanan Pump Service	\$6,867.49-30 day lead time
General Engineering Co.	\$5855.00 -6-week lead time

Mr. Shortt recommended negotiating with Buchanan Pump Service to match the General Engineering Co. quote for the amount of \$5855.00.

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Kegley, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve Mr. Shortt negotiating with Buchanan Pump Service to Match the General Engineering Co. quote for the amount of \$5,855.00 but if they will not negotiate then purchase the Hydraulic Pump from General Engineering Co for the amount of \$5,855.00. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

Budget Timeline

Mr. Shortt advised that he is working on the budget revenue side but is waiting for Mr. Farmer to gather his Parks and recreation revenue. He requested to set a date for a Finance Committee meeting for a budget workshop. The Town Council agreed to set the Finance Committee meeting for April 27, 2026, at 4:30 P.M. for budget workshop with a follow-up to look at the final draft before May 11, 2026, Town Council meeting.

Main Street Villas-Infrastructure

Mr. Shortt stated that he had a meeting with the Lane Group, Keith Viers and others associated with Main Street Villas project. He stated that Phase I of the project should start on May 15th. He questioned if the Town Council was interested in a ribbon cutting on Friday, May 8, 2026. The Town Council agreed to set the ribbon cutting for May 8, 2026, at 10:30 A.M.

Police Car Repair

Mr. Shortt presented quotes to repair the wrecked 2025 Dodge Durango. He stated that the appraiser for VRSA prepared an estimate for the amount of \$15,174.95. The quotes are as follows:

Thomas Body Shop	\$15,929.84
Bandy Auto	\$16,469.24
Morgan McClure Chevrolet	\$19,203.81

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Kegley, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the quote from Thomas Body Shop in the amount of \$15,929.84 to repair the 2025 Dodge Durango 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.

Veterans Banners

Mr. Shortt stated that currently 26 of the Veteran Banners have been purchased for Town Residents either current or past with the deadline set for May 1st. He questioned if the Town Council wants to open the purchase for the Veteran Banners to Russell County residents now. The Town Council agreed to open-up the Veteran Banners purchase for Russell County residents.

Upcoming Dates

Mr. Shortt presented some upcoming event dates. They are as follows: April 13-April 15 Town Spring Clean-Up, April 16 Russell County recycle day, May 9 Town wide yard sale as well as Fire Department pancake breakfast, May 16 Big Rig Truck Show.

XI. Chief of Police Report

Chief Deskins presented the monthly Police Report. Chief Deskins stated that Lebanon Little League opening day went well.

XII. Town Attorney Report

Mr. Tiller stated that he had something to discuss in closed session.

XIII. Committee Reports and Recommendations

XIV. Enter closed session: 7:20 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)(5)(7) for the purpose of personnel, prospective business or industry 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. Kegley, seconded by Mr. Leonard, 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.

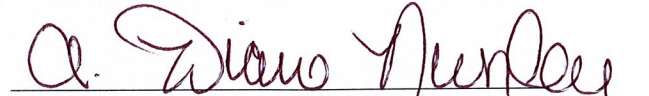
XV. Adjourn closed session: 8:29 P.M.

XVI. Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the agreement and release documents as discussed in closed session. The vote was as follows: Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Fields, Aye.

XVII. Adjourn: 8:32 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