Lebanon Town Council
Reconvened Meeting
Town Hall, Lebanon, Virginia
Tuesday, September 22, 2026
5:00 P.M.

Council Members Present:	Nelson A. "Tony" Dodi, Mayor Scott J. Gilmer, Council Member M. Elijah Leonard, Council Member W. Bradley Lambert, Council Member J. Leonard Kegley, Council Member
Council Members Absent:	DeAnna C. Jackson, Vice-Mayor Nina J. Fields, Council Member
Staff Members Present:	Andrew R. Shortt, Town Manager Diane Nunley, Clerk of Council
Staff Members Absent:	Richard Eric Deskins, Chief of Police Kevin D. Tiller, Town Attorney

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

II. Prayer: Mayor Dodi

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. **Bids for Sanitation Truck**

Mayor Dodi opened up discussion for the bids for the Sanitation Truck.

Mr. Leonard advised that the Mid Atlantic bid lists a 33,000 lb. GVWR, 300 HP engine, the other two bids list a 35,500 lb. GVWR, 350 HP engine. He requested at least a picture or to see the truck before purchasing it. He stated that an upgrade for him would be an Alcoa polished wheel package if the Town decided to move forward with the purchase of a Sanitation Truck. Mr. Leonard stated with recent issues with the wastewater pump stations plus due to Russell County Landfield plans to start charging for brush the Town may need to purchase a chipper. He stated that he requests the Town Council review the current Sanitation Trucks to see what upgrades they need. He stated the biggest thing about those trucks is that the diesel filtration system needs to be cleaned on a regular basis due to running them in Town on short stops which doesn't allow them to get hot enough or enough force to clear the soot out of them. Mr. Leonard stated that changes in the law may be in the near future that if the vehicle is so old that if the filtration system has issues, it could be removed from the vehicle.

Mr. Lambert stated that he felt the Town only has two bids to consider because the Mid Atlantic bid doesn't match what the bid requested. Mr. Gilmer stated that when the Town writes up a bid they either require specs to a truck the Town currently owns or specs for a truck the Town consulted someone with. He stated that in order not to show any favoritism to any bid the Town always stated or equivalent therefore he stated that it is up to the members that know what specs

will work for the Town's Sanitation Truck. Mr. Gilmer stated that if any of the bids meet the needs of the Town, he would not like to throw any out. Mr. Leonard stated that the Mid Atlantic truck is a Peterbilt 537 which is basically the same as a Kenworth T480 except the vehicle's gross weight rating is downgraded to 33,000 GVWR. Mr. Shortt stated according to Mr. Presley the Town Sanitation Truck needs the extra GVWR for the step grade at the Russell County Landfield.

Mr. Gilmer stated that after reviewing the bid information he was expecting the possibility of a new Sanitation Truck to cost $240,000. He stated that the General Fund account for the Town is lower than he has seen in the last couple of months, which means the Town would need to move money from savings to purchase this vehicle. He stated that the Town did not receive grant funds to help with the purchase which bothered him. He stated that since both of the current trucks are operational, he would like to check with USDA for grants, reapply for the progression funds or even look at financing at USDA before making the purchase for a new Sanitation Truck. Mr. Gilmer stated that replacing the Sanitation Truck is the next large purchase item. He listed some larger expenses like the generator which could cost $150,000, upgrade at Cedar Creek pump station $24,000, plus looking to purchase a chipper for $75,000. He stated for future fiscal years maybe wait until the second half before purchasing larger budgeted items in case larger expenses incur the first half of the fiscal year.

Mr. Shortt stated that he spoke with Debbie Milton with Cumberland Plateau about the Southwest Water/Wastewater Funds which he discussed the Fields water line replacement project or the mobile generator. He stated that he submitted an application for funding for the mobile generator for $175,000, which Ms. Milton felt would be the stronger application for funding.

Mr. Shortt stated that one of the Sanitation Trucks is 10 and the other 11 years old with replacing the engine in one last year. The Town Council agreed to table the purchase of the Sanitation Truck. Mr. Leonard stated that the bed leaking on the Sanitation Truck is from either septage or due to wear on the drum which either way it can be patched.

The Town Council discussed the Town getting a chipper for the brush. Mr. Shortt stated that a chipper should pay for itself within one year compare to the Landfield fees. Mr. Leonard recommended getting in touch with a supervisor from Asplundh Tree Removal or any larger tree services for suggestions regarding the Town's bush issues. Mr. Shortt stated that his thoughts are for the brush truck to haul to a specific location for mulching. Mr. Shortt stated that he spoke with someone from Dominion Power Plant, they burn wood chips, but they use 50 tons an hour not for sure if they would be interested in the small amount the Town would have. He stated that he plans to meet with someone from Dominion to discuss them using wood chips. Mr. Shortt stated that any commercial tree removal business will be notified that they are responsible for removing the brush from the property or if the Town haul the brush, they will be charged the fee incurred by the Landfield. Mr. Leonard stated that the Town Citizen's need to be aware of the fee that the Landfield is charging in order to make sure if they contract someone that it is in their contract to remove the brush. The Town Council agreed that the Town Citizen's need to be notified of Russell County Landfield fee for brush therefore they requested Mr. Shortt draft a letter for their approval for the next council meeting.

V. **Appoint members for Board of Zoning Appeals**

The Town Council agreed to table the appointment for Board of Zoning Appeals members until the October Council Meeting due to two council members being absent.

VI. Discuss Parks & Recreation Gym Schedule

Mr. Shortt advised that he requested this item be added to the agenda due to the fact that he spoke with Zach Lambert with the youth basketball, he is requesting five night a week for the youth basketball. Mr. Shortt stated that Mr. Farmer is scheduling a meeting with the boys' and girls' basketball coaches to discuss the after-school scheduling. Mr. Gilmer stated that Mr. Farmer was able to schedule Ms. Bradley with two dates for volleyball.

Mr. Lambert stated that he would like him, Mr. Gilmer and Ms. Jackson or any other council members to get together prior to the next council meeting to ride around to review the parks and recreation areas to see what needs to be improved or updated which he feels is necessary once a month or at lease once a quarter. Mr. Dodi mentioned that the Town Council needs to meet on 2027 Cedar Fest as well. Mr. Lambert stated that he would get in touch with Ms. Jackson to get a date scheduled for a Parks and Recreation meeting.

VII. Adjourn: 5:58 P.M.

Upon motion made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Town Council unanimously voted to adjourn. The vote was as follows: Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Leonard, Aye; Mr. Lambert, Aye; Mr. Kegley, 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