

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Council of the City of Lebanon, Pa., was held in Dixon Council Chamber of City Hall, Lebanon, Pa., this evening, Chairperson Martin presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

Present--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Potash, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson.
Absent—none.

Also present were Mayor Sherry L. Capello; Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Campbell; City Solicitor Andrew Francos; Eric Sims, Chief of Police; Chad Yeagley, Director of Public Works; five persons in the audience; and two members of the news media.

The minutes of the July 27, 2026, City Council meeting were presented by the City Clerk. There being no corrections, deletions or additions, the minutes were approved as presented.

Chairperson Martin announced that Council received a budget report for the period January 1-July 31, 2026. Mayor Capello reported that 58 percent of the fiscal year is completed; revenues are at 67 percent; and expenditures are at approximately 45 percent. Overall, we are performing better than budget in both categories.

Director of Public Works Chad Yeagley provided an update on the Annual MS4 Stormwater Awareness and various projects in the department, as follows:

Annual MS4 Stormwater Awareness

- MS4 = Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
- Anything that enters a storm sewer is discharged untreated in the streams, rivers and lakes we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water
- City is responsible for public education and outreach
- City conducts outfall inspections and storm sewer mapping updates to detect and eliminate illicit discharge – approximately 250 outfalls are tested annually
- No construction permits are issued prior to NPDES approval
- City monitors post-construction stormwater runoff
- City offers training to employees
- Best Management Practice (BMP) for treating stormwater runoff has its own maintenance procedures
- City educates residents and businesses if a potential illicit discharge is observed
- Reports of illicit discharge are recorded and responded to within 24 hours of notice
- Lebanon County Stormwater Consortium Reduction Plan resulted in pollutant reductions of 1,000,000 pounds of sediment per year
- City routinely repairs catch basins. In 2026, five have been replaced to date.
- The cost of MS4 requirements is more than \$100,000 annually
- Experimenting with a new slip line technique to repair lines. Mayor Capello reported that Palmyra Borough used this technique and it worked fantastically.

Project Update

- Street Paving has been completed on Weidman Street, Park Drive, 22nd Street (Oak Street to city line), Foster Street, and Agnes Street
- Veterans' Memorial Walkway – In conjunction with the Community of Lebanon Association, new hardscaping will be installed.
- The handicapped accessible dock at Stoevers' Dam Park will be replaced this year.
- Lincoln Avenue Bridge Replacement – Anticipate work will begin in mid-November, but does not have a firm date.
- Signalization Project at Cornwall Road and Orange Street – Work scheduled to begin in mid-October with completion by mid-2027.
- 12th and Maple Streets Signalization Project – Currently in design phase.
- Street lines have been painted throughout the entire city. A rotation of north/south lane and east/west lane will be implemented for the future to keep the city looking fresh. The lines usually last 2-3 years after being painted.

Council Chairperson Martin asked why the bridge on North Third Street is closed to which Mr. Yeagley reported that a structural deficiency exists and PennDot closed the bridge. Currently, he is working with Steckbeck Engineering and Surveying, Inc. and a consultant to determine a plan of action for repairs and/or replacement.

Councilmember Wilson reported that he previously raised concerns about the crosswalk at Hauck Street and Quentin Road and now the lines are nearly invisible. Mr. Yeagley responded that a pedestrian study was completed and the job will require a large lane closure utilizing most of the maintenance staff in the Public Works Department. At this time, Mr. Yeagley does not have a firm date for completion of this project.

Councilmember Wilson stated that there is a pothole in the alley between Fifth and Sixth Streets and Cumberland and Chestnut Streets; and numerous potholes on South Gannon Street between Walnut Street and Locust Street.

Councilmember Wilson asked how often the grass is mowed at the parks and playgrounds, to which Mr. Yeagley replied weekly, weather permitting. He added that during the construction of the splash pad at Southwest Park, there was seed planted and mowing did not occur in some areas.

Councilmember Wilson asked if the Department of Public Works is fully staffed to which Mayor Capello responded that all positions are filled at the present time.

Chairperson Martin announced that Council received a communication from Mayor Sherry L. Capello, informing Council of the appointment of Acting Lebanon County Treasurer Tina Tobias to the City of Lebanon Land Bank to fill the unexpired term of former County Treasurer Sallie Neuin, effective August 17, 2026. Mayor Capello reported that the Land Bank is comprised of seven members, one of which is a representative of the Lebanon County Treasurer's Office. She added that former Lebanon County Treasurer Sallie Neuin served on the Board from the inception of the Land Bank until her retirement. Ms. Tobias was recently appointed as Acting Treasurer and has agreed to serve on the Land Bank.

Councilmember Wilson introduced Resolution No. 11, as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO BE DESIGNATED AND DIRECTED TO SIGN A LETTER OF AMENDMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AS IT RELATES TO THE CORNWALL ROAD AND ORANGE STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, Lebanon City Council adopted Resolution No. 17, Sessions 2024-2025, authorizing the proper officials of the City of Lebanon to enter into a Reimbursement Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the Cornwall Road and Orange Street Intersection Improvements Project on September 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the project will be funded with federal funds through the Surface Transportation Program; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost increased from Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) to Five Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Thirty Dollars (\$538,030.00); and

WHEREAS, the City must meet certain PennDOT requirements, which include identifying an authorized City representative to execute necessary PennDOT documents associated with the implementation of these funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Lebanon, Pa., and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, That:

SECTION 1. The Mayor of the City of Lebanon is authorized and directed to sign on its behalf the Letter of Amendment dated August 3, 2026, for the Cornwall Road and Orange Street Intersection Improvements Project.

SECTION 2. Any resolution or part of resolution conflicting with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby repealed so far as the same affects this resolution.

Resolution No. 11 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Potash, seconded by Mr. Maguire. Yeas--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Potash, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson--5; nays--none.

On motion of Mr. Maguire, seconded by Mrs. Haitos, Bill No. 3 was removed from the table, the title of which is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION 943.01, "PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED", OF ARTICLE 943, "PARKS", OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, PA, TO PERMIT PADDLEBOARDING AT STOEVEVER'S DAM PARK.

Yeas--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Potash, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson--5; nays--none.

Mayor Capello reported that paddleboards are considered boats by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. She further stated that Council cannot adopt regulations that conflict with the regulations established by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, and the City has determined that paddleboarding is permitted at Stoever's Dam Park. If a person is out on the dam with a paddleboard, but they are swimming and wading rather than paddleboarding, that would be considered a violation of the park rules.

Councilmember Maguire concurred with Mayor Capello and withdrew Bill No. 3 from the floor. There was no objection from Council.

Mrs. Haitos introduced Bill No. 4, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 523, "PEDALCYCLES (BICYCLES) AND PEDALCYCLE (BICYCLE) LICENSING" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, PA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFINING PEDALCYCLE AND PEDALCYCLE WITH ELECTRIC ASSIST.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council for the City of Lebanon, Pennsylvania and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, That:

SECTION 1. Article 523, "Pedalcycles (Bicycles) and Pedalcycle (Bicycle) Licensing" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lebanon, Pa., is hereby repealed, rescinded, and deleted in its entirety and shall be replaced by the following new article:

"ARTICLE 523 Pedalcycles, Pedalcycles with Electric Assist, and Licensing of Pedalcycle and Pedalcycles with Electric Assist

§523.01 Definitions

DEALERS IN SECOND-HAND GOODS. Includes any person who otherwise in the normal course of business purchases personal property not from a retail or wholesale entity or auction for the purposes of reselling the property.

PEDALCYCLE . A vehicle propelled solely by human-powered pedals or a pedalcycle with electric assist. The term does not mean a three-wheeled human-powered pedal-driven vehicle with a main driving wheel 20 inches in diameter or under and primarily designed for children six years of age or younger.

PEDALCYCLE WITH ELECTRIC ASSIST. A vehicle weighing not more than 100 pounds with two or three wheels more than 11 inches in diameter, manufactured or assembled with an electric motor system rated at not more than 750 watts and equipped with operable pedals and capable of a speed not more than 20 miles per hour on a level surface when powered by the motor source only. The term does not include a device specifically designed for use by persons with disabilities.

§523.02 License required

No person shall operate or use a pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist on any of the streets, alleys or highways of the City without first obtaining and displaying on it a license for it from the city, or another municipality if required in which he/she resides.

§523.03 License application and fee

Application for a pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist license and license certificate shall be made upon a form provided by the City of Lebanon and shall be made to the Lebanon Police Department. A license fee in the amount of Two Dollars (\$2.00) for a period of one year or Five Dollars (\$5.00) for a period of three years shall be paid to the City at the time of issuance.

§523.04 License decals and certificates

The City shall provide license decals together with license certificates, each having numbers in numerical order. The Lebanon Police Department, or authorized agent, upon receiving proper application, shall issue a license decal and license certificate which shall be effective until January 31 of the year following expiration or until the pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist is sold or disposed of by the owner in any manner prior to that date.

§523.05 Applicant entitled to possession

The Lebanon Police Department, or authorized agent, shall not issue a license for any pedalcycle when it knows or has reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant is not the owner of or entitled to the possession of such pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist.

§523.06 License records

The Lebanon Police Department, or authorized agent, shall maintain a record of such license, the date issued, the name of the person to whom issued, the serial number on the frame of the pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist for which issued and a record of all pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist fees collected.

§523.07 Attaching decal

The license decal as issued shall be firmly attached to the pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist in such a position as to be plainly visible and shall remain attached to the pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist until the expiration of such license.

§523.08 License renewal

When any pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist license expires, it shall be renewed by submitting an appropriate application and paying the required fee.

§523.09 Inspection before licensing

The Lebanon Police Department, or authorized agent, shall inspect each pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist before licensing it or renewing a license for it; it shall refuse a license for any pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist which it determines is in an unsafe mechanical condition.

§523.10 Surrender or transfer of pedalcycle

Upon the sale or other transfer of a licensed pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist, the licensee shall transfer the pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist and certificate of license at the Lebanon Police Department or authorized agent. This transfer shall be witnessed by an official of the Lebanon Police Department (licensing officer) and/or authorized agent, the new owner being required to pay for a new license decal.

§523.11 Rental agencies

A rental agency shall not rent or offer any pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist for rent unless the pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist is licensed and license decal is attached thereto as provided herein and such pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist is equipped with the equipment required by law.

§523.12 Reports by dealers of purchases

Every dealer in second-hand goods who purchases second-hand pedalcycles or pedalcycle with electric assist shall issue a report to the Chief of Police in accordance with §315.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

§523.13 Subject to traffic and vehicle codes

Every person operating a pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist upon a roadway in this City shall be subject to the City of Lebanon Traffic Code and the Motor Vehicle Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, both of which are applicable to drivers of a motor vehicle, except as to those provisions of the Traffic Code and Motor Vehicle Code which by their very nature have no application nor pertinence.

§523.14 Riding on the Sidewalk

- (a) No riding of pedalcycles, pedalcycles with electric assist, or other types of motorized, electric, or gas-powered modes of transportation or recreation is permitted on sidewalks in business districts in the City. The use of a motorized wheelchair or mobility scooter operated by a person with a disability shall be permitted. Business districts are defined as follows:
- (1) Cumberland Street from Second Street to Tenth Street;
 - (2) Third Street from Chestnut Street to Willow Street;
 - (3) Fourth Street from Chestnut Street to Willow Street
 - (4) Fifth Street from Chestnut Street to Willow Street;

- (5) Sixth Street from Chestnut Street to Willow Street;
 - (6) Seventh Street from Chestnut Street to Willow Street;
 - (7) Eighth Street from Walnut Street to Scull Street;
 - (8) Ninth Street from Walnut Street to Scull Street;
 - (9) Lehman Street from Second Street to Spruce Street
- (b) It is not the intent of this article to compel young children to ride their pedalcycles in the streets where they may create a driving hazard or be injured or killed. Therefore, in areas other than business districts, and at the sole discretion and responsibility of a parent or guardian, only children under the age of nine, in the absence of proper supervision, may operate their pedalcycles on sidewalks.
- (c) Children under the age of nine riding their pedalcycles on sidewalks or anyone riding a pedalcycle on a pedalcycle path used by pedestrians shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian.

§523.15 Removing, destroying, etc., numbers and license decals

No person shall remove, destroy, mutilate or alter the number stamped on the frame of any pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist nor the license decal on any pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist licensed under this article. No person shall remove, destroy, mutilate or alter any license decal or license certificate during the time in which such license decal or license certificate is effective.

§523.16 Pedalcycle route

The following streets within the City are hereby designated as pedalcycle routes:

- (a) Eighth Street, from Hauck Street to Maple Street; and
- (b) Chestnut Street, from Fifth Avenue to Sixteenth Street

The routes shall be marked with clearly visible signs.

§523.17 Notice to parent or guardian

The Chief of Police shall send to the parent, guardian or legal custodian of such minor a written notice of the violation of this article, together with notice to such parent, guardian or legal custodian that unless the terms of this article are complied with, the penalty thereof shall be invoked against such parent, guardian or legal custodian of such minor

§523.99 Penalty

- (a) Whoever violates any of the provisions of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code shall be prosecuted and penalized in accordance with it.
- (b) Any person violating any of the provisions of this article or of the City Traffic Code shall be fined not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) and/or be imprisoned in the Lebanon County Correctional Facility for not more than 30 days.

- (c) Any pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist ridden in the City in violation of Section 523.02 shall be impounded. Starting the sixth day of impoundment, a storage charge of One Dollars (\$1.00) for each day shall be imposed upon and collected from the owner. “

SECTION 2. Any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

Mayor Capello explained that no riding on the sidewalks in the Central Business District or business district is permitted. She further asked Council to consider adding a provision to allow law enforcement to ride on the sidewalks. She added that many cities and municipalities add that language to the ordinance so that there is no confusion. If Council has no objection, a draft amendment will be provided to Council between first and second reading of the ordinance. Council had no objection.

Todd Dissinger, Lebanon Valley Rails to Trails, stated that he does not understand the proposed ordinance. He stated that between Chestnut Street and the Rail Trail, it is out of hand. He asked how the City is regulating e-bikes in the city. Mayor Capello responded that several months ago, the proposed rules by the LVRT allowed e-bikes. Mr. Dissinger responded that certain classes of e-bikes are permitted on the trail. Chief Sims stated that in accordance with the definitions provided in PennDot’s regulations, there are not separate classifications of e-bikes.

Bill No. 4 was introduced and will be considered on final reading at the City Council meeting of September 28, 2026, on motion of Mrs. Haitos, seconded by Mr. Potash. Yeas—Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Potash, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson—5; nays—none.

Mr. Martin introduced Bill No. 5, as follows:

AMENDING SUBSECTION 943.01, “PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED” OF ARTICLE 943, “PARKS”, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEBANON.

SECTION 1. Subsection 943.01, “Park Rules and Regulations Established” of Article 943, “Parks”, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lebanon, Pa., is hereby repealed, rescinded, and deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following new subsection:

§943.01 Park Rules and Regulations Established

- (a) All day-use areas are open to the public from dawn to dusk unless otherwise posted.
- (b) Hunting, trapping and the discharging of any type of firearm, airgun, slingshot, explosive, fireworks, or bow and arrow is prohibited, unless otherwise permitted.
- (c) Pets are permitted provided they are on a leash not exceeding six feet in length and attended at all times and must be controlled to the extent that they will not cause injury to any person, another person's property, or molest, or injure wildlife. The owner or handler of any dog shall immediately clean up and properly dispose of any dog feces. The controlled training of unleashed dogs in Stoevers Dam Park is permitted in designated areas.

- (d) Trash, garbage, and all other litter shall be placed in containers provided for this purpose, and shall be limited to materials accumulated during use of the facility. Glass containers are prohibited in all City parks.
- (e) Open fires are permitted only in properly designated areas. Hot coals from charcoal grills shall be disposed of in a safe manner. Fires shall be attended at all times, and shall be fully extinguished prior to leaving the area. A large or uncontrolled fire is prohibited.
- (f) The removal, molesting, harassing, disturbing, injuring, or damaging of anything natural or physical, whether animate or inanimate on land or in water, or defacing, destroying, altering, or removing any man-made object is prohibited. The feeding of wildlife, including waterfowl, shall be prohibited in all City-owned parks.
- (g) Drivers of motor vehicles conforming to the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code shall not exceed five miles per hour and shall only use roads and parking areas open to the public, and shall not block gates or other traffic. Unlicensed vehicles and snowmobiles are prohibited except in designated areas. the use of motorized pedalcycles, pedalcycles with electric assist, other types of motorized, electric, or gas-powered modes of transportation or recreation, and motorcycles, is prohibited. The use of a motorized wheelchair or mobility scooter operated by a person with a disability shall be permitted.
- (h) Boisterous, immoral or indecent conduct is prohibited.
- (i) Camping is permitted only in designated areas. A camping permit shall be obtained from the administrative offices or other designated sites. No person shall erect or maintain a tent or mobile camper without obtaining a permit. The fee for a camping permit shall be in accordance with the fee established by Lebanon City Council. A camping "day" shall begin at 12:00 noon and end at 12:00 noon of the following day. The maximum length of a stay on a permit is one week. Upon the expiration of the one-week period, no person shall be permitted to apply for a new camping permit for a period of four days. The renewal or extension of a permit shall be at the sole discretion of the Director of Administration-Assistant to the Mayor or his/her authorized designee. Trailer sites shall be solely occupied by mobile campers and shall be limited to one trailer per site. Tents and trailers shall not be erected or left unattended in the Park for more than three days and shall not be used to reserve a specified site for future use.
- (j) No person under the age of 18 may camp at Stoevers Dam Park without the direct and constant supervision of a parent or guardian, unless other specific arrangements are made with the Park Police prior to the date of camping. Pets may not stay overnight in the camping area. Persons visiting permitted campers shall leave the camping area no later than 10:00 p.m.
- (k) Alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Employees and/or authorized representatives of the City of Lebanon, City of Lebanon Police Department, and North Lebanon Township Police Department reserve the right to inspect coolers, ice chests, or any other containers for alcoholic beverages and/or glass containers.
- (l) Swimming, wading, or wading to fish in the waters of the park is prohibited unless otherwise designated.
- (m) Boat launch parking area is reserved for vehicles towing and/or carrying boats only. Boating is permitted in designated areas for small craft 17 feet and under. Inflatable boats less than seven feet in length with less than two air chambers and designed primarily as swimming aids are prohibited. Motors, with the exception of electric motors, are prohibited. All craft shall meet U.S. Coast Guard requirements. Children less than 12 years of age and under shall wear

- a Type I, II, or III personal flotation device (PFD) of proper size in accordance with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations.
- (n) Fishing is permitted at the small pond along Theater Drive at Stoever's Dam Park, and at Northeast Park in accordance with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Code. The use of a bow and arrow or the taking, catching, killing or possession of crayfish, frogs, reptiles and turtles is prohibited. Fishing from the dam breast, the footbridge over the spillway, and the north siltation pond at Stoever's Dam Park shall be prohibited. Ice fishing is permitted at Stoever's Dam Park when suitable and safety conditions exist. Ice skating at Stoever's Dam Park shall be prohibited.
 - (o) Horseback riding is prohibited in all parks except at Stoever's Dam Park, where areas are specifically designed for that purpose.
 - (p) No person shall sell or offer for sale any merchandise, article, or any item whatsoever in any City park or City-operated recreation area. This regulation shall not apply to authorized concessionaires who have obtained the applicable licenses and/or permits.
 - (q) No person or persons shall wash, wax, or do any type of mechanical repairs to their vehicle while in the Stoever's Dam Park area.
 - (r) Bicycles shall yield to pedestrians and shall stay to the outside of the trail (walking path) at Stoever's Dam Park.
 - (s) Throwing stones, sticks, or any discarded material into any waters is prohibited.
 - (t) Any person who violates any park regulation or rule or disregards lawful instructions or warnings given by an authorized representative of the City of Lebanon or North Lebanon Township may be directed to leave the park area. This section does not preclude prosecution or other legal action under the applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, City of Lebanon, or North Lebanon Township.
 - (u) Any person refusing to leave the park area after receiving an order for lawful cause to leave from an authorized person, or a person who received a notice by certified or registered mail or a personal service banning such person from entering or using any park facility for a period to be determined by the City of Lebanon and has not filed a notice of appeal regarding such order and further ignores such notice and returns, shall be in violation of this article.
 - (v) No bare feet are permitted in the parks.
 - (w) No person is permitted to carry any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette or any other lighted smoking equipment, including electronic cigarettes or similar devices, within 25 feet of athletic fields, athletic courts, and playground areas.
 - (x) The use of inflatable bounce houses, trampolines, and similar equipment is prohibited unless a hold harmless agreement and certificate of liability insurance in a minimum amount of \$500,000 naming the City of Lebanon and Coleman Memorial Park Board of Trustees, if applicable, as an additional insured is submitted to the City of Lebanon Department of Administration no less than seven days prior to the event.

SECTION 2. Any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

Mayor Capello reported that Bill No. 5 pertains to parks. She asked Council to consider adding a provision to allow law enforcement to use motorized pedalcycles, pedalcycles with electric assist, other types of motorized, electric, or gas-powered modes of transportation or

recreation, and motorcycles in the parks. If Council has no objection, a draft amendment will be provided to Council between first and second reading of the ordinance. Council had no objection.

Mayor Capello reported that the proposed amendments in Bills No. 4 and 5 are based on complaints by residents and visitors at the parks. She added that Council heard about the issues at Stoever's Dam Park from volunteer Park Ranger Kit Ahnert at Thursday's Pre-Council meeting.

Councilmember Wilson asked if there will be signage regarding this issue posted in the parks in the future to which Mayor Capello responded yes.

Craig Gates, 47 Berwyn Park, Lebanon, asked if riding his e-bike in Coleman Memorial Park is prohibited if he is manually pedaling the bike. Chief Sims replied that in order to adopt an effective ordinance, there needs to be language for the officers to have the ability to enforce the regulations. He added that the streets in Coleman Memorial Park are city streets, so there may be an exception because they are regulated as a public street and not a park road.

Becky Woodhouse, 1147 Church Street, Lebanon, stated that she would advocate for an alternate solution such as speed bumps in Coleman Memorial Park. She added that folks should not be deterred from using less expensive ways to travel around town.

Chief Sims reported that the discussion of issues with e-bikes began in the Spring. When he started researching this issue, he discovered the bike ordinance was adopted in the 1980's and the new modes of transportation were not addressed. The intent was to protect pedestrians walking on the sidewalks in the downtown. He added that e-bikes being operated by folks who are not following the law have been an issue for the past few years. The Patrol Division has been directed to educate and enforce the law.

Chief Sims reported that two officers were sent to Bike School and the police department now has five certified officers and three e-bikes in the complement. Additionally, the officers have made educational appearances on WLBR and there have been several overtime details to focus on these violators; however, it is difficult for the officers to enforce regulations because there are so many manufacturers of ebikes. Since May 1, there have been 100 stops involving illegal use of the e-bikes; from June 1-August 19, 2026, there were 13 accidents involving e-bikes and scooters; and several citations have been issued.

Mayor Capello stated that the police department will continue to educate and do its best to reach out to curtail the illegal activity. She reported that the issue with e-bikes is not just in the City of Lebanon. She added that an officer must actually observe a person violating the law in order to pull over the rider.

Todd Dissinger stated that he has been involved with the issue of e-bikes for a long time and he would encourage the officers to watch the kids riding to Lebanon High School.

Angeline Marko, 411 Guilford Street, Lebanon, asked if the police officers have gone into the schools to educate the students on e-bikes. Chief Sims replied that he is meeting with representatives of the school district in the near future. Ms. Marko asked if e-bikes must be

registered. Chief Sims replied that the proposed ordinance will include language that requires e-bikes be registered. Ms. Marko asked how the public will be notified to which Mayor Capello replied information will be disseminated via the website, social media, Officer Friendly on WLBR, e-blasts, and at National Night Out.

Bill No. 5 was introduced and will be considered on final reading at the Council meeting of September 28, 2026, on motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Maguire. Yeas—Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Potash, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson—5; nays—none.

Councilmember Wilson extended his thanks to the Lebanon Police Department for the assistance during the Governor's recent visit to Lebanon. Mayor Capello added that there were two significant events in the City this past Saturday and there were no issues.

Councilmember Wilson reminded the public of upcoming events and activities at Coleman Memorial Park: Pickleball Tournament, Bike Park Ribbon Cutting; Friends of Coleman Memorial Park Movies and Concerts; Latino Festival; Disc Golf Tournaments; and the Dog Park

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55p.m.

CHERYL J. GIBSON, Clerk