

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024

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, Vice Chairperson Martin presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Martin, Vice Chairperson.  
Absent--Mr. Morales.

Also present were Mayor Sherry L. Capello; Chief of Police Bret Fisher; City Solicitor Morgan Madden; Janelle Mendoff, Community and Economic Development Administrator; Melissa E. Quinones, Director of Administration-Assistant to the Mayor; Chad Yeagley, Director of Public Works; six persons in the audience; and three members of the news media.

The minutes of the March 25, 2024, City Council meeting were presented by the City Clerk. There being no corrections, deletions or additions, the minutes were approved as presented.

Vice Chairperson Martin reported that the budget report for the period January 1-March 31, 2024, was received. Mayor Capello reported that 25 percent of the fiscal year is completed; revenues are at 23 percent; and expenditures are at 19.5 percent. She noted that the real estate tax revenue started coming in during the month of March. She reported that expenditures are performing better than budget.

Mrs. Haitos introduced Resolution No. 7, as follows:

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DEED OF DEDICATION FROM NARROWS GLEN, INC., FOR APPROXIMATELY 1.1 ACRES OF LAND TO BE USED AS A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GREYSTONE CROSSING PROJECT.

Be It Ordained by the Council of the City of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, That:

SECTION 1. A Deed of Dedication dated April 22, 2024, from Narrows Glen, Inc., for approximately 1.1 acres of land to be used as a public right-of-way in conjunction with the Greystone Crossing Project as set forth in the Deed of Dedication is hereby accepted.

SECTION 2. A copy of said Deed of Dedication is attached to and hereby made part of this resolution.

SECTION 3. The proper officials of the City of Lebanon shall record said Deed of Dedication in the Recorder of Deeds Office of Lebanon County.

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SECTION 4. Any resolution or part of resolution conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

Mayor Capello explained that this development is located in both North Cornwall Township and the City of Lebanon, with the majority of the development located in North Cornwall Township. There are approximately 19 lots located within the city limits and the homes are residential single family. An alternate engineer reviewed the Deed of Dedication and indicated that everything is in order. The Deed of Dedication includes the portions in the city limits of Creekside Drive, Ranch Avenue, and the widening of Oak Street.

Resolution No. 7 was passed finally on motion of Mrs. Haitos, seconded by Mr. Maguire. Yeas--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Martin, Vice Chairperson--4; nays--none.

Mr. Maguire introduced Resolution No. 8, as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LEBANON TO FILE A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR A PICKLEBALL COURT LOCATED IN COLEMAN MEMORIAL PARK.

WHEREAS, the City of Lebanon (“Applicant”) desires to undertake the following project: Pickleball Court Located in Coleman Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, the applicant desires to receive from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (“Department”) a grant in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purpose of carrying out this project; and

WHEREAS, the application package includes a document entitled “Terms and Conditions of Grant” and a document entitled “Grant Agreement Signature Page”; and

WHEREAS, the applicant understands that the contents of the document entitled “Terms and Conditions of Grant”, including appendices referred to therein, will become the terms and conditions of a Grant Agreement between the applicant and the Department if the applicant is awarded a grant.

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

SECTION 1. The “Grant Agreement Signature Page” may be signed on behalf of the applicant by the official who, at the time is signing, has the title of Mayor.

SECTION 2. If this official signed the “Grant Agreement Signature Page” prior to the passage of this resolution, this grant of authority applies retroactively to the date of signing.

SECTION 3. If the applicant is awarded a grant, the “Grant Agreement Signature Page”, signed by the above official, will become the applicant/grantee’s executed signature page for the Grant Agreement, and the applicant/grantee will be bound by the Grant Agreement.

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SECTION 4. Any amendment to the Grant Agreement may be signed on behalf of the grantee by the official who, at the time of signing the amendment, has the title specified in paragraph 1 and the grantee will be bound by the amendment.

Mayor Capello reported that in May 2023, the City of Lebanon submitted an application to the Pa. Department of Community and Economic Development for the conversion of tennis courts to pickleball courts. In January 2024, the City of Lebanon was notified that the grant was not awarded; however, funding in the amount of \$50,000 was available through the Pa. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Heritage and Other Parks Program. The estimated cost of the project is \$60,000 and the Coleman Memorial Park Board of Trustees has agreed to pay the balance.

Councilmember Martin extended thanks to Chairman Morales for pursuing the grant and to Senator Gebhard and Representative Schlegel for their support of the project.

Councilmember Potash asked how the Park Board funding the balance for this project to which Mayor Capello responded that she believes the Board has reserved funds to cover the balance.

Councilmember Maguire asked if Mayor Capello is aware of any ADA concerns with the project at the park to which she replied she is not.

Dave Funk, 609 Chestnut Street, Lebanon, stated he is Chairman of the Coleman Memorial Park Board of Trustees. He clarified that the intent of the project referenced in Resolution No. 8 is to convert one of two tennis courts in Coleman Memorial Park to pickleball courts. Cornell Wilson, a member of the Coleman Memorial Park Board of Trustees, extended thanks to city staff for preparing and submitting the grant.

Resolution No. 8 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Potash, seconded by Mrs. Haitos. Yeas--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Martin, Vice Chairperson--4; nays--none.

Mayor Capello extended thanks to the folks who volunteered for city projects on Day of Caring held on April 20, 2024. She said there were 210 volunteers from multiple organizations, including students from the Lebanon School District, Making a Difference, the Community of Lebanon Association, Autohaus, Lebanon Federal Credit Union, and church organizations working on projects in the city parks.

Councilmember Potash reminded voters that the primary election will be held on April 23.

Chris Coyle, *LebTown*, asked the reason RobFam, Inc. withdrew the resolution requesting the intermunicipal transfer of a liquor license from Union Township into the City of Lebanon for use at the premises at 629 Cumberland Street, Lebanon. Mayor Capello replied that they are pursuing other avenues.

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Cornell Wilson, 27 South Sixth Street, Lebanon, extended his appreciation for addressing the issue with the lines at the Fifth and Cumberland Streets intersection. He also extended his thanks to the City of Lebanon for having many projects available for the volunteers on the United Way Day of Caring.

Laurie Funk, 609 Chestnut Street, Lebanon, announced that the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit Community Education located at the Chestnut Street Community Center will be holding an Open House on May 1, 2024.

Mayor Capello congratulated Dave and Laurie Funk on their recent SCORE award for their work with the Chestnut Street Community Center and the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

CHERYL J. GIBSON, Clerk