

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023

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 Morales presiding.

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

Present--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Martin, Mr. Miller, Mr. Wertz, and Mr. Morales, Chairperson.  
Absent--none.

Also present were Mayor Sherry L. Capello; Chief of Police Bret Fisher; Donna Long Brightbill, City Solicitor; Robin L. Getz, Director of Public Works; Janelle Mendoff, Community and Economic Development Coordinator; Fire Chief Duane Trautman; 17 persons in the audience; and 3 members of the news media.

The minutes of the January 23, 2023, City Council meeting were presented by the City Clerk. There being no corrections, deletions or additions, the minutes were approved as presented.

Chairperson Morales announced that Council received a budget report for the period January 1-31, 2023. Mayor Capello reported that eight percent of the fiscal year is completed; revenues are at four percent, and expenditures are at four percent. She noted that the 2023 real estate taxes will be mailed on March 1. Mayor Capello noted that revenues will increase after the 2023 real estate taxes are mailed in the next few days.

Chairperson Morales announced that Council received a communication from Mayor Sherry L. Capello, informing Council of the appointment of Jackie Parker to the City of Lebanon Land Bank to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Klein, effective February 15, 2023. Mayor Capello reported that the Land Bank is comprised of three board members from the Lebanon County Redevelopment Authority; one representative from the City of Lebanon Planning Commission; one representative from the Lebanon County Treasurer's Office; a representative from the real estate/appraisal industry; and one resident of the City of Lebanon maintaining active membership in a recognized civic organization in the City of Lebanon. She stated that Mr. Klein served on the Land Bank as the representative of the Planning Commission. Mr. Klein recently resigned from the Planning Commission and Mrs. Parker will be filling his unexpired term on the Land Bank. She added that Mrs. Parker also serves on the City of Lebanon Planning Commission and the City of Harrisburg Land Bank. Mayor Capello stated that she believes Mrs. Parker's experience makes her a good fit for membership on the City of Lebanon Land Bank.

On behalf of the Mayor and members of Lebanon City Council, Mayor Capello presented a Certificate of Recognition to Sandra P. Meluskey who has served the City of Lebanon in a variety of capacities for the past 36 years. Most recently, Mrs. Meluskey recently served on the Board of Health.

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Mayor Capello announced that the City of Lebanon's new website is live. She reported that improvements to the website will continue to be made in the upcoming weeks and months. She noted that a housing survey and a survey for Coleman Memorial Park Master Site Plan are among the items on the website. She also directed the public to the employment page as it lists the current job vacancies.

Mayor Capello reported that the Community of Lebanon Association is hosting the State of the City at the Hebron Banquet Hall on March 29. She also announced that the Lebanon County Stormwater Coalition is sponsoring an Arbor Day event at South Hills Park on April 28. The members of the City of Lebanon Shade Tree Commission will participate in the event and will have a booth with educational materials for the public.

Chairperson Morales announced that following tonight's meeting, there will be a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. to receive input for the Coleman Memorial Park Master Site Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

CHERYL J. GIBSON, City Clerk