

MONDAY, MARCH 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 (via teleconference), 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; Melissa Quinones, Director of Administration-Assistant to the Mayor; Assistant Fire Chief Aaron Sweitzer; six persons in the audience; and three members of the news media.

The minutes of the February 27, 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 through February 28, 2023. Mayor Capello reported that 16.67 percent of the fiscal year is completed; revenues are at 15.41 percent, and expenditures are at 10.47 percent.

Mr. Martin introduced Resolution No. 32, as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF LEBANON COUNTY REQUESTING \$26,814.00 IN FINANCIAL AID FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CITY STREETS, AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR SAME.

WHEREAS, the undersigned Municipality desires to take advantage of the Act approved June 1, 1945, P.P. 1242, and as provided in the Act approved May 18, 1945, P.L. 803, permitting counties of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to appropriate and expend monies for the improvement and maintenance of state highways and state-aid highways or any public highway in any county of the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that we, the officials of the City of Lebanon, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, in regular session assembled on this twenty-seventh day of March, 2023, do hereby make application to the County Commissioners of Lebanon County for an allocation of County Liquid Fuels Tax Funds in the amount of Twenty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$26,814.00) to be used in the improvement of the following:

- a. Street paving - Seventh Street from city line south to Poplar Street

It is certified by the Municipality and the officers who execute this application that all materials used and work done hereunder shall conform to the current Pennsylvania Department of Transportation specifications, or specifications approved by the Department, and that all work will be done within the legal right-of-way or with permission of the abutting property owners.

Mayor Capello reported that the City’s allocation increased almost \$1,400 from the previous year. The allocation is based on the 2020 census which reflected an increase in the population in the city. The County of Lebanon adjusted the allocation for all municipalities based on the new census. She added that the total cost of the project exceeds \$700,000.00. In addition to the liquid fuel funds, American Rescue Plan monies were allocated to fund the project. Bids for the project will be received later this week and she anticipates the contract will be awarded shortly thereafter.

Resolution No. 32 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Morales. Yeas--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Martin, Mr. Miller, Mr. Wertz, and Mr. Morales, Chairperson--5; nays--none.

Mr. Morales introduced Resolution No. 33, 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 DOG PARK LOCATED IN COLEMAN MEMORIAL PARK.

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

WHEREAS, the applicant desires to receive from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (“Department”) a grant 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.

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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.

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 this is a 50/50 match grant. The estimated cost of the project is \$202,000 which includes an ADA ramp. American Rescue Plan monies have been allocated as the match. Mayor Capello reported that in order to submit this application, the Master Site Plan had to be updated and the plan is being finalized. The public input and surveys showed tremendous support for a dog park at Coleman Memorial Park. The application includes an ADA ramp and steps from the handicapped parking area to the proposed dog park.

Chairperson Morales, on behalf of the Coleman Memorial Park Board of Trustees, extended appreciation to Mayor Capello and staff for the update to the Master Site Plan and for this project. He thanked the City of Lebanon for its cooperation and assistance with improvements at the park. Mr. Morales noted that the state officials have indicated that Coleman Memorial Park is one of the most beautiful natural parks in the state.

Chris Coyle, LebTown, asked the timeline for completion of the dog park. Mayor Capello responded that she anticipates the project will be completed in 2024. Mayor Capello explained that the dog park will be located on a parcel of land that was obtained separately from the lands gifted to the City and under the oversight of the Coleman Memorial Park Board of Trustees. She added that the maintenance and upkeep of the dog park will be the City of Lebanon’s responsibility.

Resolution No. 33 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Morales, seconded by Mr. Miller. Yeas--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Martin, Mr. Miller, Mr. Wertz, and Mr. Morales, Chairperson--5; nays--none.

Mr. Miller introduced Resolution No. 34, as follows:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDS TO BE USED AS MATCH AND INTERIM FINANCING FOR THE MARKET SQUARE TRANSIT INTERMODAL CENTER WITH LEBANON CITY HALL.**

WHEREAS, the City of Lebanon was awarded a Two Million Dollar (\$2,000,000) Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant for the Market Square Transit Intermodal Center with Lebanon City Hall; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Lebanon has allocated One Million Nine Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$1,946,448.00) and a land value match of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) toward the Market Square Transit Intermodal Center with Lebanon City Hall Project; and

WHEREAS, the RACP is a grant program that requires a fifty percent (50%) match in the form of land value or cash; and

WHEREAS, the RACP is a reimbursable grant which will require the need for interim financing; and

WHEREAS, this resolution provides the required match and interim financing for the Market Square Transit Intermodal Center with the Lebanon City Hall project only.

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. Lebanon City Council hereby obligates and commits the sum of One Million Nine Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$1,946,448.00) and a land value match in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) to be used as match to the Two Million Dollar (\$2,000,000.00) RACP grant dedicated towards the Market Square Transit Intermodal Center with Lebanon City Hall Project.

SECTION 2. Lebanon City Council hereby obligates and commits the sum of One Million Nine Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$1,946,448.00) to be used as interim financing for all project construction costs associated with the RACP Project.

SECTION 3. The source of the cash match and interim financing is City of Lebanon GOB bank account at First National Bank which bears the last four account number digits 7570.

Mayor Capello reported that this is a 50/50 match. She stated that the City's match is comprised of \$1.9 million from the bond proceeds and \$500,000 in land. She added that the \$500,000 in land represents a portion of the land value for the project. She stated that the grant is for the City Hall Project which initially included a parking garage.

Resolution No. 34 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Martin. Yeas--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Martin, Mr. Miller, Mr. Wertz, and Mr. Morales, Chairperson--5; nays--none.

Councilmember Martin announced that the Curbside Yardwaste Collection is scheduled for April 17-21. Councilmember Martin also commended the local EMS workers and Officer Goumas with the Lebanon Police Department for their courteous and professional work during a recent well-being check involving his family member. He added that it was a positive outcome, but he appreciated the help from all involved.

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Mayor Capello reported that in conjunction with Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Month, the “Walk with the Mayor” is being held on April 10 at 12:00 noon. The walk will begin at SARCC, 615 Cumberland Street, Lebanon, and end at City Hall, 735 Cumberland Street, Lebanon. The walk will include discussion about healthy relationships, safe connections with adults, boundaries and understanding consent. The event is sponsored by Michelle Remlinger’s Age Well In-Home Personal Training and Wellness for Ages 55+.

Councilmember Wertz reminded folks that the Mayor’s State of the City will be held on March 29, 2023, at Hebron Banquet Hall. The event is sponsored by the Community of Lebanon Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

CHERYL J. GIBSON, City Clerk