

CITY OF LEBANON
AMERICA 250 COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 14, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED that the America 250 Commission of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Regular Session on May 14, 2026 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers.

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Declaration of Quorum

Upon roll call, the following Officers were present: Bob Garner, Derek Gean, John Gideon, Rebecca Rupard, Lagina Fitzpatrick, and Mayor Carr. Absent: Kenneth Howe and Stashia Porter.

Staff members and others in attendance: City Administrator Troy Schulte, Airport Manager Mike Wood, Communications Specialist Camryn Cary, Beth Durreman with KJEL FM Radio, and Deputy City Clerk Melissa Richardson.

Stashia Porter joined the meeting at 9:04 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 23, 2026, Regular Meeting and April 24, 2026, Regular Meeting

Bob Garner moved and John Gideon seconded that the Commission approve the April 23, 2026, and April 24, 2026, minutes as presented. Motion carried as follows: Yea: (6) Lagina Fitzpatrick, Bob Garner, Derek Gean, John Gideon, Rebecca Rupard, and Mayor Jared Carr; Nay: (0) None; Abstain: (0) None; Absent: (2) Kenneth Howe, Stashia Porter.

Discussions and Presentations

America 250 Anniversary Events Update

Mayor Carr shared that he felt the events on April 25th went well and that all those who attended enjoyed the concerts provided by the City. He also indicated he would like to send letters of appreciation to those who partnered with the City.

Tourism Director Rebecca Rupard noted that their office at the Civic Center was selling America 250 merchandise, and that Downtown Director Lagina Fitzpatrick had been reaching out to downtown businesses to carry some of the merchandise as well. Rupard also suggested creating a time capsule with America 250 memorabilia toward the end of the year.

Lagina Fitzpatrick provided an update on the schedule and events for July 3, 2026, and shared that the mural on the exterior wall of Randy Sutter's law office, painted by Ray Harvey, was nearly complete. Stashia noted that City employee Van Heafley had volunteered to provide hayrides during the July 3rd event.

Communications Manager Derek Gean introduced his Communications Specialist, Camryn Cary, to the board members. Cary shared ideas she had for promoting the downtown event. Rupard stated that KCTV, out of the Kansas City area, had reached out to interview her and that she would be promoting America 250 and Route 66 in our local area.

Airport Manager Mike Wood provided an update for July 4, 2026, on the fireworks event at the airport, noting that logistics were still being finalized, including parking locations for vehicles and food trucks.

Beth Durreman with KJEL Radio presented an advertising proposal that included a 30–45-minute block of patriotic music on KJEL to air simultaneously with the fireworks display. John Gideon added that Premier Pyrotechnics had also offered to provide music during the display, at an additional cost beyond the existing contract. The board indicated they would like to decide at the next meeting. Mayor Carr asked whether the event format would be more of a tailgating style or a designated gathering area on the grounds. Mike Wood stated that he would bring an aerial map to the next meeting to outline the available areas at the airport for use during the event.

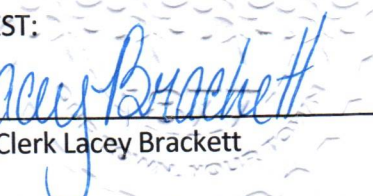
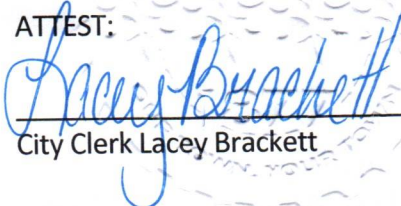
Commission and Staff Discussion

None.

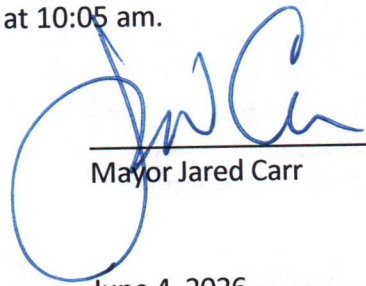
Adjournment

Mayor Carr declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

ATTEST:

City Clerk Lacey Brackett



Mayor Jared Carr
June 4, 2026

Minutes Approved