

CITY OF LEBANON
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED that the City Council of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Work Session on January 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 401 South Jefferson.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Upon roll call, the following Officers were present: Gib Adkins, Mike Evans, Sheila Mitchell, Dan Mizell, Randy Wall, Chuck Jordan, Bob Garner, and Mayor Carr. Absent: Jeff Mutchler.

A quorum was declared.

Directly after the roll call was taken, Jeff Mutchler joined the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Staff members and others in attendance: City Administrator Mike Schumacher, Interim City Administrator Ben DeClue, Public Works Director Richard Shockley, Police Chief Jerry Harrison, Fire Chief Sam Schneider, Human Resource Director Kathy Milliken, Facilities Director Shawn Williams, Tourism Director Rebecca Rupard, Promotions Event Coordinator Stashia Porter, IT Manager Oakley Banks, Park Director John Shelton, Lebanon REDI President Brian Thompson, Downtown Business District Executive Director Sarah Stewart, Communications Manager Derek Gean, City Clerk Lacey Brackett, and City Counselor Chris Allen.

DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Cowan Civic Center Presentation

Tourism Director Rebecca Rupard presented handouts to the Council and provided an update on the Cowan Civic Center. She reviewed rental rates and compared revenues from past years to the present, highlighting steady increases in both revenues and bookings. Rupard noted the exhibition hall's high demand, with only three available dates remaining in 2026. She also shared that a new Facebook page was launched to enhance outreach and that much of their business comes from repeat customers. Rupard took a moment to commend Stashia Porter, the Promotion Event Coordinator, for her excellent work.

Councilmembers asked about various topics, including event cancellations, fees charged to the school, and the YMCA partnership. Councilman Mizell raised the question of whether using the YMCA facility could generate more revenue for the City. City Administrator Mike Schumacher advised this would be a topic for future discussion among the Council and the Mayor. Councilman Jordan pointed out that the facility carries significant overhead costs

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Councilman Jordan commented that the City was lucky to dodge the worst of the ice storm. Mayor Carr gave a shoutout to the Public Works Department, saying they did a great job dealing with the winter weather

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO RSMO 610.021 (2) REAL ESTATE

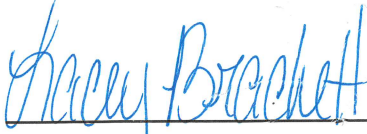
Garner moved and Jordan seconded that the Council move out of Work Session and into Closed Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (2) Real Estate. Motion carried as follows: Yea: Adkins, Evans, Mitchell, Mizell, Mutchler, Wall, Jordan, and Garner.

Council moved into Closed Session at 6:14 pm and returned to Work Session at 6:38 pm.

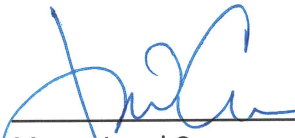
Adjournment

Mayor Carr declared the meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Lacey Brackett



Mayor Jared Carr

January 27, 2025

Minutes Approved