CITY OF LEBANON
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MARCH 25, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED that the City Council of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Work Session on March 25, 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, Chuck Jordan, Bob Garner, Randy Wall. Absent: Dan Mizell, Jeff Mutchler, and Mayor Jared Carr.

A quorum was declared.

Bob Garner served as Mayor Pro Tem in the absence of Mayor Carr.

Staff members and others in attendance: Interim City Administrator Ben DeClue, Public Works Director Richard Shockley, Police Chief Jerry Harrison, Fire Chief Sam Schneider, Facilities Director Shawn Williams, Code Administrator Christina Wagner, Park Director John Shelton, Electric Superintendent Travis Long, Downtown Business District Executive Director Sarah Stewart, Communications Manager Derek Gean, and City Clerk Lacey Brackett.

Jeff Mutchler entered the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY STAFF

Council Goals Group 3- Parks and Recreation

Parks Director John Shelton reviewed the Parks Department's mission statement and outlined how its goals are achieved through well-trained staff, daily maintenance, park and restroom cleaning, and collaboration with organizations. He discussed objectives for expanding park accessibility through land acquisition, the park master plan, city and park surveys, and community input. Shelton also presented estimated budgets for various park improvements and potential funding opportunities.

He provided an update on Atchley Park Phase II, detailing planned improvements, and discussed the parking lot at Nelson Park.

Councilmember Gib Adkins expressed appreciation for the newly established walking trail at Gasconade Park and inquired about installing time locks on restrooms.

Councilmember Jordan noted that the walking trail enhances security.

Councilmember Mitchell asked about sports clinics, and Shelton stated they were exploring options as the Park Department expanded.

Downtown Pocket Park

Downtown Executive Director Sarah Angst provided an update on the Downtown Pocket Park, noting that it has been in development for several years. Infrastructure is being installed, and the park will feature a gathering space and public restrooms for community and downtown use. She presented renderings to the Council and mentioned that the concert association has expressed interest in utilizing the stage. A potential Phase Two could include additional structures.

Councilman Bob Garner inquired about the park's square footage, and Public Works Director Richard Shockley estimated it to be around 10,000–15,000 square feet.

Angst also noted that the bricks on the clock near the pocket park are historically significant to Downtown.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

City Clerk Lacey Brackett informed the Council of two upcoming seminars for elected official training and provided the dates and locations for MML and Lauber Municipal Law.

Councilmember Mike Evans inquired about downtown parking near the pocket park. Interim City Administrator Ben DeClue noted that several parking spaces are available, and evening events should have increased parking accessibility.

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Bob Garner declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Jared Carr

ATTEST:

Lacey Brackett

City Clerk Lacey Brackett

April 14, 2025

Minutes Approved