

**CITY OF LEBANON
AMERICA 250 COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026, 9:00 AM
CITY HALL, 401 SOUTH JEFFERSON
“TENTATIVE AGENDA”**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Declaration of Quorum
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. February 5, 2026, Regular Meeting
3. Discussions and Presentations
 - a. America 250 Anniversary Events Update
 - b. Update on Diamond Rio/Rider—(Tourism Director Rebecca Rupard)
 - c. Advertising suggestions with the local news and radio — (Communication Director Derek Gean)
 - d. Swag Merchandise- (Stashia Porter)
4. Commission Action
5. Commission and Staff Discussion
6. Adjournment

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AMERICA 250 COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED that the America 250 Commission of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Regular Session on February 5, 2026 at 9:00 AM in the City Hall, 401 South Jefferson.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Upon roll call, the following Officers were present: Lagina Fitzpatrick, Bob Garner, Derek Gean, John Gideon, Kenneth Howe, Stashia Porter, Rebecca Rupard, and Mayor Jared Carr. Absent: None.

A quorum was declared.

Staff members and others in attendance: Laclede County Commissioners Randy Angst and Joe Wasmer, City Administrator Troy Schulte and Deputy City Clerk Melissa Richardson. Lebanon High School Art Teacher, Eric Adams, was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 8, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

Kenneth Howe moved and Bob Garner seconded that the Commission approve the October 2, 2025, and January 8, 2026, minutes as presented. Motion carried as follows: Yea: (8) Lagina Fitzpatrick, Bob Garner, Derek Gean, John Gideon, Kenneth Howe, Stashia Porter, Rebecca Rupard, Jared Carr; Nay: (0) None; Abstain: (0) None; Absent: (0) None.

Discussions and Presentations

America 250 Anniversary Events Update

Planning is progressing well for the April 25, 2026, event featuring Diamond Rio, scheduled from 7:00 p.m. to approximately 9:00 p.m. Additional entertainment will include a community chorus and a digital presentation on Laclede County history and the Governor is expected to attend. Tickets will be distributed at the door, and attendance is expected to reach capacity. Event logistics discussed included security with gated entry and metal detectors, coordination with local law enforcement, and handing out commemorative tickets at the door. There was further discussion on finalizing concessions with potentially having school involvement.

The Board discussed plans for the July 3 downtown concert from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the old H.D. Lee area at the end of Commercial Street. Activities that evening will include a bike parade, decorated storefronts, a reading of the Declaration of Independence, civic club food distribution, and possible entertainment at Pocket Park. Flyovers are being explored. Seating options, portable restrooms, and trash receptacles will be needed. Plans were reviewed for the July 4 fireworks event. Gates will open at 5:00 p.m., with fireworks at approximately 9:30 p.m. with music. Traffic coordination with MoDOT and FAA notification have been addressed. Ten food trucks are currently signed up, with discussion on possibly limiting vendors. Additional needs include portable restrooms, trash cans, water stations, and

first aid tents.

Lebanon High School Art Teacher Coordinating Art Class to assist with America 250—Eric Adams

Not able to attend.

Laclede County Commission Assistance with America 250

The Laclede County Commissioners reported the O.E.M. trailer will be on site for events. They also pledged \$25,000 toward event expenses and requested a list of eligible items they could help fund.

COMMISSION ACTION

None.

COMMISSION AND STAFF DISCUSSION

Additional promotional items (“swag”) continue to be discussed, and the mayor suggested offering items for distribution during the events. For the July 4 airport event, valet parking, shuttle buses, and golf cart transportation are being explored to assist attendees with mobility needs and improve accessibility.

Mayor Carr set the next meeting for February 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Mayor Carr declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk Lacey Brackett

Mayor Jared Carr

Minutes Approved