

CITY OF LEBANON
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED that the City Council of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Work Session on March 23, 2026 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: Mike Evans, Sheila Mitchell, Dan Mizell, Randy Wall, Chuck Jordan, Bob Garner, and Mayor Jared Carr. Absent: Jeff Mutchler.

A quorum was declared.

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

Staff members and others in attendance: City Administrator Troy Schulte joined the meeting at 6:04 p.m., Public Works Director Richard Shockley, Police Chief Jerry Harrison, Fire Chief Sam Schneider, Assistant Public Works Director Mike Moore, Assistant Public Works Director Tammy Young, Code Administrator Christina Wagner, Street Superintendent Brad Boyer, Downtown Business District Executive Director Lagina Fitzpatrick, Tourism Director Rebecca Rupard, Lebanon REDI/CEO Brian Thompson, Communications Manager Derek Gean, and City Clerk Lacey Brackett.

Information Provided by Staff

Goals Presentation — Group No. 4 Internal Services

City Clerk Lacey Brackett presented pictures of the updated construction at the Downtown Pocket Park which has been completed. Staff also shared the proposed name- Downtown Madison Square. Councilwoman Mitchell inquired about the murals on the walls, and Councilman Garner inquired about donations for the benches. Downtown Business District Executive Director Lagina Fitzpatrick discussed the final preparations for the downtown park and shared that the Ribbon Cutting was scheduled for May 1, 2026.

Goals Presentation- Group No. 5 Economic Development and Tourism

Brian Thompson, CEO of Lebanon REDI, discussed recent business growth in Lebanon, including several new dining locations and the recent opening of Tidal Wave Spa. Thompson explained that initial conversations with prospective businesses typically begin three to four years before development occurs. He also noted that several businesses in Lebanon are part of unique business models. Thompson commended the Lebanon Area Chamber of Commerce for its work with Leadership Lebanon and reviewed recent data, noting that approximately 9,400 people commute into Lebanon for work while about 3,000 residents commute out of the city.

Tourism Director Rebecca Rupard shared that, with Route 66 Centennial approaching, a Route 66 sign has been installed at Boswell Park. Rupard noted that Springfield will be hosting Route 66 Centennial activities and that the Today Show will be filming there. She also discussed that the Munger Moss Motel will be featured on a stamp and shared that efforts are underway to

have the sign lit.

Rupard reviewed upcoming America250 events, noting that Diamond Rio will perform in Lebanon on April 25. She also shared that the Downtown Picnic would take place on July 3, with fireworks scheduled for July 5. Additionally, Rupard reported that tourism lodging tax is currently pacing ahead.

Utility Service Line Warranty Marketing Agreement Cancellation

City Administrator Troy Schulte shared that in 2019 the City entered into an agreement with Utility Partners Private Label, Inc., which allowed the warranty line company to use the City's logo in mailings regarding warranty line coverage. However, there have been numerous complaints regarding the program and confusion among residents who believe the City is the provider. Schulte stated that he recommended providing the required six-month notice to terminate the agreement to reduce confusion and assist City staff. No opposition was expressed by the Council.

Round Table Discussion

Fire Chief Sam Schneider shared that the Fire Department had received a fireworks application from Mercy for an event scheduled on April 10. He noted that the only outstanding item was a certificate of insurance. Schneider stated that he would recommend moving forward if the certificate of insurance is received and would bring the documentation and permit to the Council on April 13 for retroactive approval. Schneider added that he had no concerns regarding the event.

Councilman Dan Mizell inquired about the state sales tax and how it could affect the City, and also recommended that when department updates are happening, to showcase the milestones made from our Lebanon 2040 plan. City Administrator Troy Schulte explained that there is a rollback provision that would not benefit municipalities and could make it more difficult for them to raise or pass taxes in the future.

Council also inquired about the cemetery, and Schulte advised that the City was currently waiting for state registration paperwork.

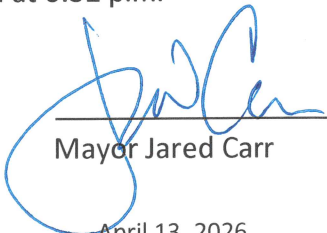
Adjournment

Mayor Carr declared the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Lacey Brackett



Mayor Jared Carr
April 13, 2026

Minutes Approved