



LEBANON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

April 08, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Library Community Meeting Room
55 Academy Street, Lebanon, Oregon

MISSION STATEMENT

*We provide services that foster a resilient, safe, and growing community,
strengthened by our community connections*

Mayor: Kenneth Jackola

Council President Michelle Steinhebel | Councilor Dominic Conti | Councilor Marcellus Angellford

Councilor Jeremy Salvage | Councilor David McClain | Councilor Dave Workman

6:00 PM – CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Kenneth Jackola
Councilor - Ward 1 Dominic Conti
Councilor - Ward 1 Marcellus Angellford
Councilor - Ward 2 David McClain
Council President - Ward 3 Michelle Steinhebel

ABSENT

Councilor - Ward 2 Dave Workman
Councilor - Ward 3 Jeremy Salvage

STAFF

City Manager Ron Whitlatch
Chief of Police Frank Stevenson
IT Admin Erin Gomez
City Recorder Julie Fisher

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following item(s) are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be a separate discussion of these items unless a Councilor so requests. In this case, the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

Motion made by to approve the Consent Agenda by Council President - Ward 3 Steinhebel, Seconded by Councilor - Ward 1 Angellford.

Voting Nay: Councilor - Ward 1 Conti, Councilor - Ward 1 Angellford, Councilor - Ward 2 McClain, Council President - Ward 3 Steinhebel

1. **AGENDA:** Lebanon City Council Agenda – April 8, 2026
2. **APPOINTMENTS:** Charlotte Wiebe - Budget Committee
3. **BOARD MINUTES:**
Planning Commission - May 21, August 20, November 19, 2025 & February 18, 2026
Senior & Disabled Services Advisory Committee - October 15, 2026
4. **COUNCIL MINUTES:** 2026-03-11 Work Session and Regular Meeting; 2026-03-25 City Council Special Meeting

PRESENTATION / RECOGNITION

NA

PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Citizens may address the Council by filling out a testimony/comment card prior to speaking and hand it to the City Recorder. Each citizen is provided up to 5 minutes to provide comments to the Council. The Council may take an additional two minutes to ask clarifying questions. The City Recorder will accept and distribute written comments at a speaker's request. Public comments can also be submitted by email to city.recorder@lebanonoregon.gov prior to **5:00 p.m. on April 7, 2026**. The City Recorder will distribute comments to the Mayor and Council prior to the meeting.*

NA

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

NA

REGULAR SESSION

5. Linn County Emergency Telephone Agency Dissolution

Police Chief Stevenson provided a report to the Council regarding the proposed dissolution of the Linn County Emergency Telephone Agency (ETA) committee. He explained that in 1986, multiple regional 911 centers were consolidated into a single countywide public safety answering point operated by the Linn County Sheriff's Office under an intergovernmental agreement. The ETA committee, made up of local fire and law enforcement representatives, was intended to provide oversight of that agreement. Chief Stevenson noted that after more than 40 years of successful operation with no significant issues, the committee is no longer necessary, as all requirements of the original agreement have been fulfilled.

He clarified that the dissolution would not impact 911 services, which will continue to operate as they currently do, with the County serving as the primary answering point and the City functioning as a secondary center receiving transferred calls. He also confirmed that there is no cost to the City associated with the change and no anticipated savings, as funding for the 911 system comes from dedicated taxes rather than City contributions.

Motion made to approve the Resolution for Dissolution by Council President - Ward 3 Steinhebel, Seconded by Councilor - Ward 1 Angellford.

Voting Yea: Councilor - Ward 1 Conti, Councilor - Ward 1 Angellford, Councilor - Ward 2 McClain, Council President - Ward 3 Steinhebel

6. Municipal Jail Operations Levy – Polling Results and Council Direction

The City Manager presented a recap of the municipal jail operations levy polling results and requested Council direction on next steps. The polling, conducted in March, indicated general support for the Police Department and reopening the municipal jail, with initial support for a levy measure at approximately 48.6 percent, increasing to about 66.3 percent when respondents learned it would not result in an additional tax due to the expiration of an existing bond. The Council was advised of key considerations, including potential competition from

other tax measures, the timing of the existing bond expiring in 2026, and the estimated levy rate needed to fund jail operations.

Staff outlined legal limitations on advocacy, noting that City staff may only provide neutral, factual information, while any advocacy efforts must be conducted by Council members or an independent political action committee. Guidance was provided on permissible public outreach, emphasizing the importance of avoiding quorum-related issues and ensuring compliance with public meetings law. Staff also identified three options for Council consideration: placing the measure on the November 2026 ballot, pursuing a May 2027 special election at additional cost, or not moving forward with a levy.

After discussion regarding timing, outreach, and the absence of some Council members, a motion was made and seconded to direct staff to proceed with preparing a measure for the November 2026 general election.

Motion made by Council President - Ward 3 Steinhebel, Seconded by Councilor - Ward 1 Conti.

Voting Yea: Councilor - Ward 1 Conti, Councilor - Ward 1 Angellford, Councilor - Ward 2 McClain, Council President - Ward 3 Steinhebel

7. Department Reports

The City Manager provided brief departmental updates to the Council. He announced the upcoming Boys and Girls Club auction on May 2nd and coordinated attendance, noting that a few seats were still available. He also informed the Council of the upcoming budget meeting scheduled for April 16th at 1:00 p.m., where staff will distribute the proposed budget, present the budget message, and ask the Council to select a chair and vice chair and set dates for future budget hearings. He noted the meeting is expected to be brief.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

NA

PUBLIC/PRESS COMMENTS

An opportunity for citizens and the press to comment on items of city business.

NA

NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING(S): City Council Meeting May 13, 2026 @ 6PM; City and Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee Meeting April 16, 2026 @ 1PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Sessions are closed to the public due to the highly confidential nature of the subject. It is unlawful to discuss anything outside of the Executive Session. Final action/decisions are to be made in open session.

The Executive Session was called to order at 6:39 PM. The City Manager Read the Executive Session Announcement. The Council was updated on real property negotiations. No decisions were made in Executive Session.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Meeting Information

Executive Sessions are closed to the public. There will be no live-stream of this meeting.

Executive Session Announcement

The Lebanon City Council will now meet in Executive Session.

Per ORS 192.660(2)(e) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the Council to negotiate real property transactions.

Official representation of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend the Executive Session. All other members of the audience are asked to remain outside the room during the Executive Session. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the discussions during Executive Session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No formal actions may be taken in Executive Session.

Formal actions to be taken, if any, as a result of the Executive Session will be conducted during the Council's regular session.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TESTIFYING ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Everyone is welcome to attend City Council meetings. If you cannot attend, written testimony must be received by noon prior to the meeting via email to city.recorder@lebanonoregon.gov. Persons who desire to access the Zoom meeting to give oral testimony regarding a Public Hearing can contact the City Recorder by email at city.recorder@lebanonoregon.gov by noon prior to the meeting so that the City Recorder can provide instructions.

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<https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofLebanonOR/videos>

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to the City Recorder at 541.258.4905.