



LEBANON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND WORK SESSION MINUTES

February 25, 2026 at 12:00 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

CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE

The meeting was Called to Order at 12:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Kenneth Jackola
Councilor - Ward 1 Marcellus Angellford
Councilor - Ward 2 David McClain
Councilor - Ward 2 Dave Workman
Councilor - Ward 3 Jeremy Salvage
Council President - Ward 3 Michelle Steinhebel

ABSENT

Councilor - Ward 1 Dominic Conti

STAFF

City Manager Ron Whitlatch
Police Chief Frank Stevenson
City Attorney Tre' Kennedy
Finance Director Brandon Neish
City Recorder Julie Fisher
IT Administrative Assistant Erin Gomez

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 to approve the Consent Agenda by Council President - Ward 3 Steinhebel, Seconded by Councilor - Ward 3 Salvage.

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

1. **AGENDA:** Lebanon City Council Agenda – February 25, 2026

3. **LIQUOR LICENSE:** *Amazing Thai Cuisine*

PRESENTATION / RECOGNITION

NA

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NA

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): March 11, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting Adjourned at 12:02 PM.

CALL TO ORDER WORK SESSION

The meeting was Called to Order at 12:03 PM

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Consultant Guidance for Municipal Jail Levy Process

City Manager Ron Whitlatch introduced Legislative Affairs Liaison Sean Tate and PNW Strategies consultant Betsy Shultz to present information to the City Council regarding exploration of a Municipal Jail Operations Levy. Ms. Shultz reviewed the scope of the proposed contract and explained that staff's role is limited by Oregon law to remain neutral, with any advocacy to be conducted by elected officials. She stated that the contract includes public opinion polling, after which the Council will review the results and determine whether to proceed. She noted that results showing less than 45 percent support would indicate the need for significant additional outreach by the Council.

Ms. Shultz explained that the polling would be conducted through a combination of live phone calls and text messaging, with a sample size of 315 respondents producing an estimated margin of error of 5.5 percent. Councilors and the City Attorney asked several questions regarding polling methodology, including the comparative reliability of live calls versus text responses, demographic representation such as income levels, and how survey questions would be structured. Ms. Shultz responded that the survey would use adaptive questioning based on prior answers and would measure both initial, unprompted opinions and opinions after respondents receive basic factual information, including awareness that the City previously operated a municipal jail.

City Manager Whitlatch stated that the final poll questions would be emailed to the Council prior to the polling, which is scheduled for the week of March 11. The polling results will be presented at a Special Meeting on March 25 at 6:00 p.m., at which time the polling firm will attend and review the findings and data with the Council.

ADJOURN WORK SESSION

The meeting Adjourned at 12:38 PM.