

September 6,

2022

The regular meeting of the Municipality of New Lebanon, Ohio was called to order on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Ray Arriola presiding.

Present

Municipal Manager Madden
Law Director Ronald Keener
Clerk of Council, Sandy Wright

Absent

Service Department Superintendent Scott Brock
Code Enforcement Administrator Melody Davis
Fire Chief J.C. Keyser
Police Chief Curtis Hensley
Chief Financial Officer Philip Hinson

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was led by Mayor Ray Arriola.

ROLL CALL

A verbal roll call of Council Members present at meeting for the record. The following members present were Nicole Adkins, Ray Arriola, Tammy Loch, Lyndon Perkins, and Christopher Sands. Gale Joy and Carol Macmann were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Arriola stated next is the approval of the August 16, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Arriola asked are there any corrections or changes that need to be made to these minutes? None voiced

Mayor Arriola stated all in favor of these minutes please signify by saying aye, all opposed same sign.

VOICE VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Arriola stated we have no old business tonight.

Mayor Arriola stated anyone have any old business. None voiced.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Arriola stated no new business.

Public Comments or Questions

Mayor Arriola stated we don't have any public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Arriola stated Police Chief.

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Mayor Arriola asked anything from the Police Chief.

Municipal Manager Madden stated nothing from Curtis tonight.

Mayor Arriola stated anyone have anything for the Police Chief. Nothing voiced.

Mayor Arriola stated anything from Fire Chief Keyser.

Municipal Manager Madden stated I do have something from J.C. The department originally sent 11 old helmets to Kentucky and this past weekend J.C. took down 9 old style fire boots, an old vent fan and two scene lights from our department. He also received other items from Brookville. Union and Sinclair College dropped off some additional things. Ms. Madden then circulated a picture of the pile of items he took to Kentucky. He helped build a couple of ramps, repaired some walls and other things while in Kentucky. He said the flood damage is extensive and that he will probably be gathering other stuff to take. That is what J.C. did for his holiday.

Mayor Arriola stated any questions for the Fire Chief. Nothing voiced.

Law Director Ronald Keener asked did he take it to the Fire Department down there?

Municipal Manager Madden stated I want to say yes.

Law Director Ronald Keener asked do other places take things like clothing, etc?

Municipal Manager Madden stated I can check with him. I will also check with the Rotary to see if Rotary International and National are doing anything. The last time something happened they did a truck full of stuff.

Council Member Adkins stated on that note With God's Grace is going to be taking a truck down. A date has not been set because we are going to be taking donations.

Municipal Manager Madden asked are you taking clothing, blankets, and water?

Council Member Adkins stated what they want is cleaning supplies for the clean-up like buckets, shovels, and stuff like that.

Municipal Manager Madden stated okay.

Law Director Ronald Keener asked who can be called to get information?

Council Member Adkins stated you asked me too fast but I will get back with you.

Mayor Arriola stated anything from Code Enforcement Administrator Melody this evening.

Municipal Manager Madden stated nothing this evening.

Mayor Arriola stated anything to pass on the Melody. Nothing voiced.

Mayor Arriola stated anything from Chief Financial Officer Hinson.

Municipal Manager Madden stated no.

Mayor Arriola stated anything from Service Department Superintendent Scott.

Municipal Manager Madden stated nothing from him tonight.

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Mayor Arriola stated anything to pass on to Scott. Nothing voiced.

Mayor Arriola stated Municipal Managers comments.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Municipal Manager Madden stated I only have a couple. I have a request for an Executive Session pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §121.22 (G) (1) and (G) (3) to discuss personnel matters and legal matters.

Guided by Mushrooms is up and running at capacity now. I sent an email out regarding a visit and tour. They are looking at either the 15th or the 22nd at 3:30 pm. Please send me an email to let me know which day will work best. What I may do is see if we can do two dates, maybe do ½ one date and ½ the other for those who are not available. I think Chris is not available.

Council Member Sands stated 3:30 is not a good time for me.

Municipal Manager Madden stated I can see if a later time works also. They wanted to offer council a tour. It is really pretty neat.

Council Member Perkins asked what day is the 15th and the 22nd?

Municipal Manager Madden stated they are on Thursday. They don't have any routes that they have to deliver on Thursday's.

Council Member Loch stated they had an article from Dorothy Lane Market which was really awesome.

Municipal Manager Madden stated when I was in there they were sorting through Lions Mane Mushrooms. They looked almost like cauliflower to me rather than mushrooms but that is what they are called. And supposedly they taste almost like a lobster or crabmeat which I find as interesting.

Mayor Arriola asked are they going to have samples?

Municipal Manager Madden stated probably. The last time Melody and I toured before they moved here they allowed us to try a couple of mushrooms.

Mayor Arriola stated we will go on to Council Member Comments.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Arriola stated Nicole.

Council Member Adkins stated I have nothing.

Mayor Arriola stated Chris.

Council Member Sands stated I have nothing.

Mayor Arriola stated Tammy.

Council Member Loch stated I have nothing.

Mayor Arriola stated Lyndon.

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Council Member Perkins I can't pronounce that word.

Municipal Manager Madden stated aggregation. I forgot to mention The Electric and Gas Aggregation Program. I have reached out to several people about the program. They are not going to save us any money unless we pass an initiative on the ballot. The earliest we can do that is February or May depending on when. It will cost us some money to put it on the ballot but that is the earliest we can do.

Mayor Arriola stated we can't do November.

Municipal Manager Madden stated no. We would have had it there in July or August and we are past that deadline. You can look on Apples to Apples for better gas and/or electrical rates. I was out there and looked at mine. It is for businesses also, it is not just residential. The one I saw was \$.87 or \$.67 cents. It did not have any cancellation fee. I think you signed up for one (1) year.

Council Member Perkins stated \$.67 is pretty good.

Council Member Sands asked when do we have to make the decision to put it on the ballot?

Municipal Manager Madden stated probably in October if we are going to do a May ballot.

Mayor Arriola asked are people talking about having high bills right now?

Municipal Manager Madden stated yes. I am on level billing so we just got our catch up bill for the year. It was a little high, but we knew it was coming. Level billing is nice.

Mayor Arriola stated so far, knock on wood, mine has pretty much held.

Council Member Adkins stated we went with another supplier. It was like \$.08 cents instead of the \$10.9.

Municipal Manager Madden stated you need to go back out to Apples to Apples because I know there are some cheaper rates out there.

Council Member Adkins stated we did Apples to Apples but we did not see any cheaper rates. When you call them it is like it is a catch pool.

Mayor Arriola stated I have nothing further.

Mayor Arriola stated we have a request for an Executive Session pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §121.22 (G) (1) and (G) (3) to discuss personnel matters and legal matters.

Mayor Arriola stated do I have a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.

Motion by Council Member Loch, second by Council Member Adkins to adjourn to Executive Session.

ROLL CALL ON ABOVE MOTION: Council Member Adkins, yes; Council Member Arriola, yes; Council Member Loch, yes; Council Member Perkins, yes; Council Member Sands, yes; 5 yes 0 no

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ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Arriola then thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Council has a request for an Executive Session. No action will be taken following the Executive Session.

Council retired to Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Sands, second by Council Member Loch to return to regular Session.

ROLL CALL ON ABOVE MOTION: Council Member Arriola, yes; Council Member Loch, yes; Council Member Perkins, yes; Council Member Sands, yes; Council Member Adkins, yes; 5 yes 0 no

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Council returned to regular session at 7:52 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arriola stated do I have a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Council Member Loch second by Council Member Adkins to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL ON ABOVE MOTION: Council Member Loch, yes; Council Member Perkins, yes; Council Member Sands, yes; Council Member Adkins, yes; Council Member Arriola, yes; 5 yes 0 no

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Approved:

 20 Sep 2022
Mayor Date

 September 20, 2022
Clerk of Council Date