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The regular meeting of the Municipality of New Lebanon, Ohio was called to order on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Arriola presiding. Connected were Municipal Manager Madden, Law Director Ronald Keener, Captain James Chambers and Fire Chief J.C. Keyser, Clerk of Council Sandy Wright, and Code Enforcement Administrator Melody Davis. Chief Financial Officer Brenda Etter and Service Department Superintendent Scott Brock were absent.

#### **INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Mayor Arriola.

#### **ROLL CALL**

A verbal roll call of Council Members present on the conference meeting for the record. The following members connected at the Roll Call were Raymond Arriola, Gale Joy, Carol Macmann, Susan Nickerson, Lyndon Perkins, Christopher Sands. Douglas Thompson was absent.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Arriola stated next is the approval of the February 16, 2021 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.

#### **PRESENTATION BY BRIAN WELTGE, PRESIDENT & CEO, HUMANE SOCIETY OF GREATER DAYTON, COMMUNITY CAT PROGRAM.**

Mr. Weltge stated you may recall I did a presentation on the Community Cat Program at one of your meetings some time ago. Recently we have been getting residents from your community asking for assistance. I am not sure if you still perceive there is a problem in your community or not. We are contacted from communities all over the county to help with cat populations. We are a not for profit program. The contracts or agreements that we put in place come typically with a charge and I think that is one of the reasons Glenna reached out to us. One of my staff members sent an invoice. We ran your program free for the first year as you may recall. I haven't mentioned it to Glenna but I am willing to run it free for another year if you think there is enough of a need in your community. We do get grants and foundation monies that come in to help cover trap, neutered and returned programs. The whole goal of the program is to decrease your outdoor community cat population. I don't think the goal is to get it to zero because when you get it to zero you will see an increase in the rodent population. The goal is to make sure you are not getting a lot free roaming cats that are reproducing. If you want to continue the program free for another year the only thing

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I ask is that you promote the program to your citizens so that we can try to get more of your citizens involved.

Municipal Manager Madden stated the email came from the area of Greenwood Apartments on Clayton Road and she was saying she had seven (7) cats. I know that Ray has brought several cats to you over the last year. According to Brian's records thirteen (3) cats were taken care of last year in 2020. Continuing the program especially if Brian is offering to do it for free is awesome. We have promoted it on our webpage and I have seen it on the Community face book Page. We can put it out there again and I can reach out to Elizabeth who sent the email so she can take the cats down to you to get them fixed.

Council Member Macmann stated we can put a flyer up at the Library. If there is something you can send me, I can get it posted.

Municipal Manager Madden stated I can reach out to the school to see if they would put a blurb in the Greyhound Tales or post it on their website that would direct them to our website. It is my understanding that it takes about three (3) years to reach a level of control. That would be if we had a lot of participation.

Mr. Weltge stated we do have people who can come out to your community to educate people at the Library at a specified time. If you would want to do that a couple of times with you all promoting it so that people would come I can have someone come to try to help people understand the program and why we do it.

Council Member Macmann asked could you speak at a Rotary Meeting and a Chamber Meeting?

Mr. Weltge stated we do speak at Rotary Meetings. I would be happy to do that.

Council Member Macmann stated I need to get your contact information.

Municipal Manager Madden stated I can forward the information to you.

Council Member Macmann stated right now we are not doing any programming at the library but hopefully when we open up we could do a program there.

Mayor Arriola stated I brought about four (4) or five (5) cats to you this past year. I don't have an issue around my house now.

Mr. Weltge stated that is our goal. We are trying to cut down on the issues citizens have. Again some of the issues they may have are kittens being born and the cats fight at night they wake people up, mess in their gardens or flower beds. I think the citizens are happy that the city councils are taking some action. We are trying to control the negative side of community cats.

Municipal Manager Madden stated we will reach out to you about meeting with the citizens and getting additional information out. Thank you for offering to do it for free.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Arriola stated next under old business is the **SECOND READING ORDINANCE 2021-02. AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 152 SECTION SIGNS AND BILLBOARD REGULATIONS AND ADOPTING**

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**§152.205 THROUGH §152.221 AND §152.999 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEBANON, OHIO.**

Mayor Arriola stated any questions. Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated we will move on to **RESOLUTION 2021-02. A RESOLUTION UPDATING AND MODIFYING THE PERMIT FEES AND FEE STRUCTURE FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEW LEBANON, OHIO.**

Mayor Arriola stated any questions. Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated do I have a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-02.

Motion by Council Member Macmann, second by Council Member Nickerson to adopt Resolution 2021-02.

ROLL CALL OF ABOVE MOTION: Council Member Joy, yes; Council Member Macmann, yes; Council Member Nickerson, yes; Council Member Perkins, yes; Council Member Sands, yes; Council Member Arriola, yes; 6 yes 0 no

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Arriola stated Community Cat Program.

Mayor Arriola stated did you want to say something else Glenna.

Municipal Manager Madden stated I assume since they are not going to charge us for the next year that we are just going to continue with the cat program as it is. We will put it out there and educate people. Hopefully we can get some more cats taken care of.

Council Member Sands stated perhaps we can make a note to put a small amount in the budget for 2022.

Municipal Manager Madden stated maybe we can work with them or they can charge us a different fee per cat.

Council Member Macmann asked do you think it would be possible for someone to donate money to them to be used for the Village.

Municipal Manager Madden stated I can send him an email and ask him if we donate money can it be applied to the Village.

Council Member Macmann stated if I wanted to make a donation I could donate to them but specify I want it to go to the Village of New Lebanon.

Municipal Manager Madden stated I don't see why not.

Mayor Arriola stated I would be happy to chip in because I know it really helped in my area.

Municipal Manager Madden stated I think it is a good program. We don't want to get rid of the cats because we want to keep the mice gone.

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Mayor Arriola stated that is right.

Mayor Arriola stated any public comments or questions.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS**

Municipal Manager Madden stated there are no public comments.

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COMMENTS**

Mayor Arriola stated we have Police Captain Chambers is with us tonight.

Police Captain Chambers stated good evening folks. As the Municipal Manager mentioned at the last meeting the New Lebanon Police Department needs qualified part-time officers. If anyone is interested in part-time employment please see Tammy at the front desk for an application. The New Lebanon Police Department remains to be an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and encourages all to apply. In the second order of business I would like to thank the members of the Montgomery County Range Task Force and the BCI's Crime Scene Unit for their assistance in the search warrant on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 300 Yale Avenue. The New Lebanon Police Department is investigating the alleged felonious assault which occurred on February 17, 2021 at 300 Yale Avenue. James J. Stamper has been arrested in connection with this incident. That is all I have this evening.

Mayor Arriola stated the name sounds familiar.

Police Captain Chambers stated he is from here.

Mayor Arriola stated any questions for Captain Chambers. Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated Fire Chief Keyser.

Fire Chief Keyser stated we are working on the drug license which expires at the end of March. It was actually extended until July because of Covid and through that process I am working on a contract for Glenna and the Law Director to review to change the EMS Medical Director because our Medical Director was with a network that is no longer in the area.

Mayor Arriola stated any questions for Fire Chief Keyser.

Council Member Joy asked what does that mean?

Fire Chief Keyser stated the medical director signs for the drug license. They basically oversee the protocols that are in place that we test on yearly. They run reviews with us to help do QIQA. They will also assist in making recommendations for more current medical equipment.

Council Member Joy asked is that a vendor?

Fire Chief Keyser stated it is an ER doctor. We have to have one to operate.

Council Member Job stated thank you.

Mayor Arriola stated any other questions. Nothing was heard.

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Mayor Arriola stated Code Enforcement Administrator Melody Davis.

Code Enforcement Administrator stated I do not have anything this evening.

Mayor Arriola stated anybody have anything for Melody. Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated Chief Financial Officer Brenda.

Municipal Manager Madden stated she doesn't have anything tonight.

Mayor Arriola stated any questions for Brenda. Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated Service Department Superintendent Scott Brock. Does he have anything for us?

Municipal Manager Madden stated the pole at the corner of Clayton Road and Main Street is going to be moved at 9:00 a.m. in the morning. That is what I have been told by all of those who are involved. Hopefully that will get moved at that ADA walk way.

Mayor Arriola stated anything to be passed on to Scott. Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated Municipal Managers comments.

#### **MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

Municipal Manager Madden stated the pole at Clayton Road and Main will be moved at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow. I can't say that enough.

Mayor Arriola stated anybody have anything for the manager.

Mayor Arriola stated I have something. When are we going to get back into the council chambers?

Municipal Manager Madden stated they still have the 10 person rule out there which is weird because they are opening things back up. We will definitely go through this month on zoom and then we will see where we are at the end of this month and how comfortable all of you are. If you are comfortable with being in a room on top of each other because some people have had the vaccine and some have not. I don't know where everyone's comfort level lies. A lot of the things they are opening back up is outside, except Proms with a mask. It is all very weird.

Mayor Arriola asked is there anyone we can check with to find out.

Municipal Manager Madden stated I can check with the health department to see if they have any idea as to when it is going to change. I can send you a quick email to let you know.

Mayor Arriola stated Texas has completely opened up everything.

Council Member Macmann stated I am not comfortable with that. They may be opened up but I don't have the shot yet. I am not adverse to it but I would definitely would like to wait another month to see how things go. We are being told by the CDC and everybody else that everybody needs to continue to wear the mask at least.

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Mayor Arriola stated anything else for the manager.

Council Member Perkins asked is the water tower still on the agenda for this year?

Municipal Manager Madden replied yes it is.

Council Member Perkins stated this summer, spring or when.

Municipal Manager Madden stated we have to go out for bids. I would think it would be summer or early fall. We are not going to want to paint it when it is raining.

Council Member Perkins stated thank you.

Council Member Nickerson stated I had someone ask me is the lobby open yet.

Municipal Manager Madden stated it is not. We are open by appointment. We have people in here every day by appointment for their taxes.

Council Member Nickerson stated someone asked about paying their taxes because they wanted a hand written receipt when they paid.

Municipal Manager Madden stated if they call in Kelly will meet with them. She has been filling out taxes by appointment.

Council Member Nickerson stated I will let them know.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mayor Arriola stated Chris.

Council Member Sands stated I have nothing this evening.

Mayor Arriola stated Carol.

Council Member Macmann stated I have nothing.

Mayor Arriola stated Gale.

Council Member Joy stated I have nothing this evening.

Mayor Arriola stated Lyndon.

Council Member Perkins stated I am good.

Mayor Arriola stated Vice Mayor Nickerson.

**VICE MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Vice Mayor Nickerson stated I have already gotten answers to my question. Thank you.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Arriola stated I don't have anything further.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion by Council Member Sands, second by Council Member Nickerson to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL OF ABOVE MOTION: Member Macmann, yes; Council Member Nickerson, yes; Council Member Perkins, yes; Council Member Sands, yes; Council Council Member Joy, yes; Council Member Arriola, yes; 6 yes 0 no

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Approved:

 March 16, 2021  
Mayor Date

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Clerk of Council Date