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2022

The regular meeting of the Municipality of New Lebanon, Ohio was called to order on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Arriola presiding. Present were Municipal Manager Madden, Police Chief Curtis Hensley, Fire Chief J.C. Keyser, and Clerk of Council Sandy Wright. Law Director Ronald Keener, Chief Financial Officer Philip Hinson, Code Enforcement Administrator Melody Davis and Service Department Superintendent Scott Brock were absent.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given 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, Gale Joy, Tammy Loch, Carol Macmann, Lyndon Perkins, Christopher Sands.

POLICE CHIEF CURTIS HENSLEY ADMINISTERED OATH OF OFFICE TO:

Samantha Rae Dunn, Police Intern
John L. Gleeson Jr., Auxiliary Police Officer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Arriola stated next is the approval of the April 19, 2022 Regular Council Minutes.

Mayor Arriola asked are there any corrections or changes that need to be made to these minutes?

Mayor Arriola stated half way down on page 4 it reads Mayor Arriola states Chief Financial Officer. Municipal Manager Madden stated I have nothing tonight. It should read *he has nothing tonight*.

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

VOICE VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Arriola stated old business. Municipal Manager Madden stated I have something. I had a request from Mrs. Shannon Bemis asking for additional clarification regarding the minutes of February 1, 2022 meeting when she was asking about if our medics carried narcans. On February 1, 2022 per the minutes Mrs. Bemis stated "*I have a random question. Has the Village ever thought about carrying narcans on the medic?*" To which Fire Chief Keyser replied "*the police do not carry narcans but we do*" so I assume the clarification she was asking for was our medics do carry narcans. Additionally she was asking about March 1, 2022 meeting minutes on page 2, Police Chief Hensley stated "*the Officer was off-duty and it should have been the officer was on duty,*" when the phone call was made to the officer's cell phone. The call was made to a police officer's cell phone rather than to 911. Once the officer arrived on the scene dispatch was notified for a medic. A 911 call would have allowed the medic to be dispatched without the delay of the officer arriving first. Those clarifications are now on record.

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NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Arriola stated we have no new business tonight.

Mayor Arriola stated no one has signed in so there are no public comments tonight.

Public Comments or Questions

None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Arriola stated Police Chief Hensley.

Police Chief Hensley stated the only thing I have is the Montgomery County Law Enforcement Memorial is to be held this Friday, May 6, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Pavilion at Riverscape Metro Park, 111 E. Monument Avenue, Dayton, Ohio. The public and elected officials are invited to attend. I just wanted to remind everyone. I will be there and Gretchen will be there.

Council Member Joy asked what time did you say?

Police Hensley stated it starts are 11:00 am. We will leave here around 9:30 am. My understanding is there will be ample parking close by.

Mayor Arriola stated east of where it is held there is plenty of parking.

Mayor Arriola stated any questions for Police Chief Hensley. Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated Fire Chief Keyser.

Fire Chief Keyser stated I have nothing.

Mayor Arriola stated any questions for Fire Chief Keyser.

Council Member Joy stated there have been a lot of sirens. I assume those are for fire. Seems like a lot more than usual over the last few days.

Fire Chief Keyser stated we have running. We use to average about 70 calls a month. Now we are running in excess of a 100 to 120 calls a month.

Municipal Manager Madden stated those are medic and fire calls.

Mayor Arriola stated Code Enforcement Administrator Melody is not with us. Does she have anything for us?

Municipal Manager Madden stated she does not have anything tonight.

Mayor Arriola stated any questions for Melody.

Council Member Adkins stated I do have a couple of questions. I have been getting a lot of phone calls from different people throughout the Miami Valley in New Lebanon

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about the signs. Could we do some kind of clarification about the flag? Because they are saying now if it is not a regular United States Flag then it does not pass. If it is a flag that any kind of wording on it does not pass. I don't know what to tell the people that call.

Municipal Manager Madden stated you can ask them to call me. I will talk to any of these people if they will call me.

Council Member Adkins stated I have told them and told them. Is there any way to get some kind of clarification about the flag?

Municipal Manager Madden stated when I get a newsletter out I will put it in the newsletter, but until then they are welcome to call me any time of the day. I will call people back and I will talk to them but none of them are calling me.

Council Member Adkins stated they are allowed to have two (2) different kinds of flags.

Municipal Manager Madden stated there are different flags; American Flag and Military Flag are deemed flags. The others are banners and require a permit. That is really all it is.

Council Member Adkins stated I have some with flags and they are really having a problem with it.

Municipal Manager Madden stated that is technically an organizational flag. I do not have the code and I am not going to read the code at a council meeting. Again if you want to contact me, we can meet to have this discussion and that way you can explain things better.

Vice Mayor Macmann stated the problem with the flag is they require a permit.

Municipal Manager Madden stated American Flags do not require a permit.

Council Member Adkins stated one has a Biden Flag.

Municipal Manager Madden stated a permit is required for that. It is a banner not a flag.

Council Member Adkins stated that is basically violating their freedom of speech. One person has a Trump sign in the yard and that is all.

Municipal Manager Madden stated it is not about what is written on it. It is about the size of the flag and the size of the sign.

Vice Mayor Macmann stated they can have it as long as they have a permit.

Council Member Adkins stated one is a Gay Pride Flag.

Municipal Manager Madden stated again it is not about what is on it, it is about the size. That is all it is. It is not about what is on it.

Vice Mayor Macmann stated they just have to have the permit.

Council Member Adkins stated but the Gay Price Flag. Would that be classified as a flag?

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Municipal Manager Madden stated I will have to look that one up.

Vice Mayor Macmann stated that is a free speech thing also.

(Side Bar conversations too many people talking at the same time?)

Vice Mayor Macmann that is protected by law and that is their right.

Municipal Manager Madden stated let's make sure that it is very clear. We are not saying what is written on the flag or on a banner or on anything. It is how much space is it taking up as to whether they need a permit or not.

Council Member Adkins stated like the POW, that is a flag.

Municipal Manager Madden stated you and I can meet and discuss that. Just call me and let me know when you are available and we can move from there.

Council Member Loch stated it is my understanding when that was voted in people met to discuss how it was going to be written and the previous council members that were involved are no longer on council.

Municipal Manager Madden stated that is correct.

Mayor Arriola stated Chief Financial Officer Phil.

Municipal Manager Madden stated he has nothing tonight.

Mayor Arriola stated any questions for the Financial Officer. None voiced.

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

Municipal Manager Madden stated they are working on the Water Tower Project. There is a tanker truck parked at Curtis Tactical that is part of the Water Tower Project.

Mayor Arriola stated any questions for Scott. None voiced.

Mayor Arriola stated Municipal Managers comments.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Municipal Manager Madden stated Camp Connect is coming up. It is June 13th through June 29th on Monday through Wednesday from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. Registration forms can be found at the Village office or on our Website. I believe they will be at the school also. I will drop them off at the library to.

Mayor Arriola stated anything for the Manager.

Council Member Perkins asked is the tanker truck full of water?

Municipal Manager Madden stated yes.

Council Member Perkins stated I have one for the Police Chief. Are we going to have a Police Officer at the school?

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Police Chief Hensley stated no. She will not be at the school. She is going to be starting the police academy in June. She has expressed an interest in becoming a police officer upon her completion at the police academy. She is a long time resident in New Lebanon and we are excited about that prospect. We are trying to create a program which will allow students and prospective students who have an interest in becoming a police officer to learn. She will be riding along with our department to learn how the radio works, learn the addresses, learn the policies and learn the procedures. By the time the interns complete the academy they will pretty much be able to hit the ground running. We currently have several openings for part-time police officers. Truthfully, nationwide, police departments are having a terrible time recruiting. We are really excited to start this program.

Council Member Perkins asked what is an auxiliary police officer?

Police Chief Hensley stated an auxiliary police officer does have all of the law enforcement powers as one of our part-time or full time officers. The only difference is they are not scheduled the same amount of hours. They are compensated \$1.00 a year because they are essentially volunteers. Officer Gleeson is going to serve us in a couple different ways. In his former role he was an evidence technician and also an evidence room manager. He would run evidence through the lab and he was a fire arms instructor. He can help us out quite a bit but it is all volunteer time.

Council Member Perkins stated thank you. Both of them sound good.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Arriola stated Lyndon anything else.

Council Member Perkins stated I am good.

Mayor Arriola stated Nicole.

Council Member Adkins stated I have nothing else.

Mayor Arriola stated Gale.

Council Member Joy stated I have nothing this evening. Thanks to Samantha and John.

Mayor Arriola stated Chris.

Council Member Sands stated I have nothing this evening.

Mayor Arriola stated Tammy.

Council Member Loch stated welcome to Samantha and John. Look forward to working with you. Stay safe out there to our medics and police as well.

Mayor Arriola stated Vice Mayor.

VICE MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Macmann stated welcome.

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MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Arriola stated welcome to Samantha and John. I have nothing else this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

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


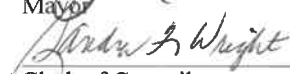
Motion by Council Member Sands second by Council Member Adkins to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL ON ABOVE MOTION: Council Member Adkins, yes; Council Member Arriola, yes; Council Member Joy, yes; Council Member Loch, Council Member Macmann, yes; Council Member Perkins, yes; Council Member Sands, yes; 7 yes 0 no

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Approved:

	<u>5-17-2022</u>
Mayor	Date
	<u>5-17-2022</u>
Clerk of Council	Date