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The regular meeting of the Municipality of New Lebanon, Ohio was called to order on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Arriola presiding. Connected were Municipal Manager Madden, Police Chief Rick Daulton, Law Director Ronald Keener, and Clerk of Council Sandy Wright. Code Enforcement Administrator Melody Davis, Service Department Superintendent Scott Brock, and Chief Financial Officer Brenda Etter were absent. Fire Chief J.C. Keyser left the meeting.

Mayor Arriola read the *Meeting Disclaimer:* *During this pandemic, and in order to maintain social distancing, gatherings of 10 people or less, and meet open meeting requirements, the Village of New Lebanon is conducting our regular Council Meetings by Zoom. By using Zoom, we comply with the Opening Meetings Act as the public is able to join, hear, see, and participate just as the public would be able to do when attending an in-person-meeting.*

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Clerk of Council Wright did 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, Susan Nickerson, Christopher Sands and Douglas Thompson. Carol Macmann and Lyndon Perkins were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Arriola stated next is the approval of the July 7, 2020 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 next under old business is the **THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 2020-01. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 35.307 AND 35.308(B) OF THE PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEBANON, OHIO.**

Mayor Arriola stated questions. Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated do I have a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-01.

Motion by Council Member Thompson, second by Council Member Sands to adopt Ordinance 2020-01.

ROLL CALL ON ABOVE MOTION: Council Member Joy, yes; Council Member Nickerson, yes; Council Member Sands, yes; Council Member Thompson, yes; Council Member Arriola, yes; 5 yes 0 no

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ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Arriola asked does anyone have any new business? Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated any public comments or questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

Shannon Bemis, 130 Bronwood Street stated hi guys how are you? I have a couple of easy questions. My stepdad walks in the park a lot. I know this has been brought up before but what is going on with the prairie field? It was being mowed down for a while and then the equipment broke down. What's going to be the long term plan for that because he said it is really a nice natural preserve and he is hoping you are going to let that grow back up naturally.

Municipal Manager Madden stated right now we are just trying to clean it up and fix some of the water drainage. We are not sure what the future holds but at this point we are just going to get it cleaned up and clean up the water drainage.

He also wanted me to mention that there are two trees by the parking lot. Are you familiar with that? He said they have been replanted a few times. They are just dead and laying on the ground and it just doesn't look very good. He asked for that to be passed along in case people didn't know. He walks there twice a day so he is very familiar with that park. I have two quick questions. What are the bricks for on the corner of Clayton Road and 35?

Municipal Manager Madden stated they go back in the island walkway that is there. They are pavers and not bricks that were taken out because they are putting new poles in and they will be put them back once the work is completed.

Ms. Bemis stated there is a pair of shoes that have been on S Church Street on the DP&L wires, I know since last summer. Is there a way to get them down?

Municipal Manager Madden asked where are they located Shannon?

Ms. Bemis stated they right as you turn on S Church St in front of the church located there on the first electrical line. I emailed you about the problem I have on the village website. When I go on it scrolls automatically whether you are on a cell phone or desktop so when I try to read something I can't touch it to pause it. I have to wait for it to go back and cycle through again. I can't read it. Can you slow it down or at least stay they longer altogether.

Municipal Manager Madden stated if I hold my mouse on the article it stops until I finish reading it. I can at least slow it down. I will look to see if I can stop the scrolling.

Ms. Bemis stated okay. Everybody stay safe.

Municipal Manager Madden stated next we have public comments from David Nickerson, 559 Benbow Circle.

Mr. Nickerson stated good evening. Can everybody hear me?

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Mr. Nickerson stated I have one question for the Mayor and for the council members. I submitted an email for everyone through the village office last night. Did you by chance receive that email?

Mayor Arriola stated I have not seen it but I have been working.

Clerk of Council Sandy Wright stated I have not been the office today as I was celebrating my birthday.

Mr. Nickerson stated the emails go to you and then are forwarded to the Mayor and Council Members. That is correct.

Clerk of Council Sandy Wright stated yes.

Mr. Nickerson stated I was just checking on the status of my email. Thank you, God Bless and have a nice evening.

Mayor Arriola stated you are welcome.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Arriola stated Police Chief Daulton.

Police Chief Daulton stated I have nothing tonight sir.

Mayor Arriola stated any questions for Chief Daulton. Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated Fire Chief Keyser.

Fire Chief Keyser was called away.

Mayor Arriola stated any questions for Fire Chief Keyser. Nothing was heard.

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

Municipal Manager Madden stated she has 187 violations written to date; 36 lots have been hired to be cut and 55 zoning permits have been issued.

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

Mayor Arriola stated Chief Financial Officer is not here tonight. Does she have anything for us?

Municipal Manager Madden stated nothing but the motion.

Mayor Arriola stated do I have a motion to adopt June 2020 Financial Report.

Motion by Council Member Thompson, second by Council Member Sands to adopt June 2020 Financial Report.

ROLL CALL ON ABOVE MOTION. Council Member Nickerson, yes; Council Member Sands, yes; Council Member Thompson, yes; Council Member Joy, yes; Council Member Arriola, yes; 5 yes 0 no

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

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Mayor Arriola stated Service Department Superintendent Brock is not with us tonight . Does he have anything for us?

Municipal Manager Madden stated I don't believe he has anything tonight.

Mayor Arriola stated any questions to pass on to Scott.

Council Member Nickerson stated on the activity report I see he has prep work for street levy projects. What streets are we doing this year?

Municipal Manager Madden stated we are looking at the small street of Yale off Church Street and we are looking at Capri. We are doing small projects right now because we have such a late start because of Covid-19.

Council Member Nickerson asked besides those two streets are we still going to be doing dura-patching and cold patching?

Municipal Manager Madden stated yes but that is not a street project. The street projects are funded differently. We are looking at cost analysis on those.

Council Member Nickerson do you have any idea as to when they might get started?

Municipal Member Madden stated Yale may run with the Church Street Project but it will still be a little while. The Capri we are just now getting started with the engineering.

Council Member Sands ask are they doing both sides of Yale.

Municipal Manager Madden stated just the small one off of Church Street. It is pretty much a dirt road.

Council Member Sands stated the west side of the park.

Municipal Manager Madden stated yes.

Mayor Arriola stated anything else for Scott. Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated Parks and Rec. Is there anything from Starr?

Municipal Manager Madden stated we had the tire recycling over the weekend on Saturday. We did fairly well. We collected over 400 tires, no rims, just tires. I think we had a pretty good turnout considering everything that has been going on in the world right now. It was not as good as last year but it a pretty good turnout. They had the first social distancing food giveaway from the garden and gave away about 30 pounds of food to 15 families plus individuals. That was a success to. We are just moving forward with the garden at this point. That is really all that she had.

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

Mayor Arriola stated Municipal Managers comments.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Municipal Manager Madden stated I have a couple. The lobby opened on July 8th. We had a few people to come in to file their taxes. We are asking people to use the night drop box and Twin Valley Bank to keep social distancing. We are requiring that

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people wear a mask if they come into the lobby. Only three people can be in the lobby at a time because we just don't have the space to have people in there and to social distance. The door toward the street is used to enter and the door toward the back is used to go out so that we are not crossing over top of people.

We did offer a payment plan for water because there are several people that were months behind. At this point only 4 residents have signed up for a payment plan and other residents have just gone on and paid their water bills. We have 12 residents who are unpaid at this time. Beginning in August residents who have not paid and have not signed up for a payment plan will be shut off for non-payment.

Council Member Joy stated is that for the 12 who haven't yet paid.

Municipal Manager Madden those 12 and anyone else that does not pay their bill by the end of this month will be shut off for nonpayment beginning in August.

Council Member Joy stated there was like 70.

Municipal Manager Madden stated there was 120 at one point and 60 or so were three or four months behind.

Council Member Joy stated you have the lighting at Clayton and Main. Has that been finished?

Municipal Manager Madden stated no. I saw them out there today putting in some big poles and if you look there are still some wire that is tied up and hanging there. They are putting new stop lights in once that all is complete.

Mayor Arriola stated anything else. Nothing was heard.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Arriola stated Susan.

Council Member Nickerson stated I have nothing this evening.

Mayor Arriola stated Doug.

Council Member Thompson stated I have nothing.

Mayor Arriola stated Chris.

Council Member Sands stated I have nothing this evening.

Mayor Arriola stated Gale.

Council Member Joy stated I have nothing this evening.

VICE MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Vice Mayor was absent.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Arriola stated I have nothing further.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

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

ROLL CALL ON ABOVE MOTION: Council Member Sands, yes; Council Member Thompson, yes; Council Member Joy, yes; Council Member Nickerson, yes; Council Member Arriola, yes; 5 yes 0 no

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Approved:

Roy Arriola August 4, 2020
Mayor Date

Sandra L. Wright 8-4-2020
Clerk of Council Date