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The Council of the Municipality of New Lebanon, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Arriola presiding. Present were Municipal Manager Glenna A. Madden, Law Director Ronald D. Keener, Police Chief Rick Daulton, Chief Financial Officer Brenda Etter, Code Enforcement Administrator Melody Davis, and several visitors. Service Department Superintendent Scott Brock, Clerk of Council Sandy Wright and Fire Chief J.C. Keyser were absent.

### **ROLL CALL**

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Raymond Arriola, Gale Joy, Hillary McClusky, Christopher Sands, and Douglas Thompson. Carol Macmann was absent.

### **INVOCATION**

Pastor Kyle Wardlaw from New Lebanon Brethren Church gave the invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Arriola stated under old business we have the **THIRD READING ORDINANCE 2019-04. AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEW LEBANON.**

Mayor Arriola stated any questions.

Mayor Arriola stated do I have a motion to Ordinance 2019-04.

Motion by Council Member McClusky, second by Council Member Sands to adopt Ordinance 2019-04.

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

Mayor Arriola stated next we have the **THIRD READING ORDINANCE 2019-05. 2020 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.**

Mayor Arriola stated this is the third reading. Does anyone have any questions? Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated do I have a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-05.

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Motion by Council Member Thompson, second by Council Member McClusky to adopt Ordinance 2019-05.

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

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Arriola stated next is the **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2019-06. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 35 PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS §35.101 THROUGH §35.906 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEBANON, OHIO.**

Mayor Arriola stated this is the second reading. Anyone have any questions. Nothing was heard.

Municipal Manager Madden stated I have some follow-up business. The curb at 124 Laredo, the Service Department has the material are waiting on the weather to repair the curb. I am still reviewing and researching systems. I talked to four (4) different vendors about work order systems. I am also working on the citizen alert system and I have talked to five (5) different vendors and some of those are getting back with me. I am updating the website. The website is currently updated with our ordinances through 2018. I am adding anything that was passed in 2019 resolutions and ordinances. Then we will go forward with the 2020 as they happen until they become part of the American Legal block. The camera in here is working. It is not always loud enough to hear everything so everyone needs to really lean into their microphones. I'm working on getting the sound better and maybe get another camera so that we can use it for minutes. I need to know if everyone would like for me to pursue the Humane Society Cat Agreement. That is really all I have from the last meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Arriola stated there is no new business on the agenda. Does anyone have any new business? Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated next is public comments or questions. If anybody has any comments or questions please come forward to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS**

Shannon Bemis, 130 Bronwood Street stated I want touch the microphone. I am going to be fast tonight. Thank you for looking into the Cat Program. It was on my list of questions. I think that is a free resource that we can utilize and would make sense. Thank you for looking. I like that you are doing old business and updating us. It lets us know that we don't have to ask the same questions. You are going to kill me for asking but my video cut off in the November meeting when you updated the sewer lift station. What was your update?

Municipal Manager Madden stated it is with our engineers and they are working on the bid package so we can get the bids out.

Mrs. Bemis stated is that still in the budget.

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Municipal Manager Madden stated it is still in the 2019 budget and it will still get done in the 2019 budget .

Mrs. Bemis stated I think maybe a microphone extender would help.

Municipal Manager Madden stated I am hoping there is a volume that we can adjust so I just have to play.

Mrs. Bemis stated I did not see the job postings. Are they posted here or on line?

Mayor Arriola stated things like that can be directed to her at the office.

Mrs. Bemis stated I work Monday through Friday so I don't feel using my business time to call on private matters. If you want to get that approved by the superintendent I will.

Municipal Manager Madden stated they were posted in the Brookville Star paper twice, on site and on the website.

Mrs. Bemis stated I have a question from somebody about drug dealings that are going in the community. I really have not seen any or don't think it's a problem. What is the procedure for people to report that?

Municipal Manager Madden stated they can call 911

Police Chief Daulton stated they can call here and leave an anonymous message.

Mrs. Bemis stated I will give you a specific location after the meeting is over. Just to make you aware; you remember the homeless guy at the park in July. He was in the prairie field before the guys cleaned it up. Well he has been living in a car at Don Rusk Park since July. I guess the police have been bringing him supplies periodically. It is not you. Just want to let you know that homeless is a problem especially when it is your face. It is not a stray cat; you can't just drop it off and give him a roll of toilet every two weeks. This man is currently at the hospital. He has a blood clot in his leg and low platelets and severe diabetes. He has severe wounds that the bleeding can't be controlled. He is on day 5 now. I have adult protective services involved along with another community member who has been doing a lot of the legwork. He has been living in his vehicle since you guys mowed, but he has been living in the park since July. I would just ask that maybe we could just have a protocol for reaching out to a resource or something to pass along if it ever happens. If this guy was left another week he would have died. Then my last question is going through the budget. We have significant amount going up for non uniform wages and community environments, street, water, sewer and even an admin. Are we opening up more positions?

Municipal Manager Madden stated we have a 3 percent cost of living. (Lost sound)

Mrs. Bemis stated just for street, water, and sewer it went up almost \$77,000 dollars and I don't think that they are paid out of every fund.

Municipal Manager Madden stated a portion of that is paid out of every fund.

Mrs. Bemis stated the guys are paid out of specific funds.

Municipal Manger Madden stated correct. They are broken down.

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Mrs. Bemis stated I know Glenn is paid out of water. He is the water guy.  
Municipal Manager Madden stated not when he started maybe. He has earned it.

Mrs. Bemis stated these are just basic. You guys are not hiring new employees for 2020 then.

Municipal Manager Madden stated we created a foreman's position, but we don't know if we are filling it.

Mrs. Bemis stated that is the position that is posted now.

Municipal Manager Madden stated no, that is not a foreman's position that is just a service department position. Someone left over the summer.

Mrs. Bemis stated it has not been posted.

Municipal Manager Madden stated no. It is in the 2020 budget.

Mrs. Bemis stated I was told that the person gave his two week notice and will be starting here on the first.

Municipal Manager Madden stated I have no idea who told you that. I don't have anyone hired.

Mrs. Bemis stated I would hope if there was a job created that it wouldn't be filled before it was created.

Municipal Manager Madden stated I am accepting resumes currently for the position. It was posted through the 18<sup>th</sup>. That is the only position we have posted at this point and time.

Mrs. Bemis stated I could write on a piece of paper and give it to Melody. I bet you a paycheck that this person gets it. Have a good night, thanks.

Mayor Arriola stated Tim Back, 29 East Main stated I my father brought it to my attention today that the servicemen put up the candy canes for about 5 minutes and then from what he was telling me they took 30 minutes just driving around town. With that being said I know it has been brought to your attention a little over a week ago now that the court house has about 27 feet of gutter hanging down.

Municipal Manager Madden stated we are aware of it. We have the material but we have not got it repaired due to the weather.

Mr. Back stated I just thought it was more important than hanging Christmas decorations. He then stated that Scott had not been here for 2 meetings then he complained about the salt barn saying the old barn is still useable.

Municipal Manager Madden stated I have asked that he not attend. We pay him 2 hours overtime for attending the meetings. I am saving the overtime because the weather will getting bad.

Mr. Al Acker, 14302 Old Dayton Road, asked about the balances in the general fund and the reserve funds. (answer not audible, not close to the microphone)

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**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COMMENTS**

Mayor Arriola stated we will go to administrative staff comments.

Mayor Arriola stated Police Chief Daulton.

Police Chief Daulton stated I have nothing tonight sir.

Mayor Arriola stated anything else for the Police Chief. Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated is there anything from the Fire.

Municipal Manager Madden said he has nothing.

Mayor Arriola stated Code Enforcement Administrator Melody Davis.

Code Enforcement Administrator Melody Davis stated I have nothing tonight sir.

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

Mayor Arriola stated Chief Financial Officer Brenda.

Chief Financial Officer Brenda stated I have nothing tonight sir.

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

Mayor Arriola stated is there anything from Service Department Superintendent Scott Brock.

Municipal Manager Madden stated we have 150 tons of salt and they will be cold patching potholes.

Mayor Arriola stated does have anything for Scott. Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated Parks & Rec.

Municipal Manager Madden stated the Christmas Decoration Contest is going on. There are applications on the back table, there are more in the lobby and on our webpage. I think you have to have it decorated by Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> for the judging between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. There is no cost to you other than putting up the lights and paying your electric bill. You can win some prizes. Businesses can participate also.

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

Municipal Manager Madden stated Christmas time is right around the corner so you might want to reach out to your neighbors maybe get to know them. This would be a good time to form neighborhood watches to watch out for each other.

The Chamber craft show and the school holiday concerts are this Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup>. They start at 9:00a.m. and they run until 5 p.m. So if you are looking for some music or some gifts to buy stop by the high school. I believe the band boosters and the Rotary are having food so you can get some lunch while you hang out and listen to the concerts.

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**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mayor Arriola stated Gale.

Council Member Gale stated I have nothing tonight.

Mayor Arriola stated Hillary.

Council Member McClusky stated I have nothing.

Mayor Arriola stated Doug.

Council Member Thompson stated I have nothing.

**VICE MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

Mayor Arriola stated Chris.

Vice Mayor Sands stated I have nothing.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

Mayor Arriola stated I have nothing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Arriola stated do I have a motion to adjourn.

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

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

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Approved:

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Mayor Date

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Clerk of Council Date