

New Lebanon Regular Council Meeting, November 21, 2023, Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Mayor Arriola. The invocation was given by Stephen Betts from First Baptist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Verbal Roll Call of Council Members:

Council Members:	
Carol Macmann	Present
Gale B. Joy	Present
Lyndon Perkins	Absent
Nicole Adkins	Present
Tammy Loch	Present
Raymond Arriola	Present

Others Present:
Police Chief Hensley
Fire Chief Keyser
CFO/Clerk of Council Hinson
Municipal Manager Madden
Law Director Keener

Approval of the November 7, 2023 public hearing meeting minutes.

5 I's and 0 no, minutes approved.

Approval of the November 7, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

5 I's and 0 no, minutes approved.

Law Directors comments, none.

Public comments on any Resolution or Ordinance under discussion.

Shannon Bemis, 130 Bronwood St, discussed Ordinance 2023-08 and brought up her suggestion to Council at the last meeting about the Village matching the street levy and her grievances about the budget.

Mrs. Bemis and the Mayor had discussion. [inaudible].

Old Business.

Second Reading: Ordinance 2023-08 – an ordinance to make appropriations for the current budget expenses and other expenditures of the Village of New Lebanon, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

Council Member Comments on this Ordinance.

Council Member Joy commented that money should be allocated from capital to the streets.

Council Member Adkins agreed with him.

New Business.

Resolution 2023-18: a resolution authorizing the request for an advance of taxes collected for the year 2023 (collection year 2024).

Motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-18 by Council Member Joy, seconded by Vice Mayor Loch.

Roll Call:

Mayor Arriola	yes
Vice Mayor Loch	yes
Council Member Adkins	yes
Council Member Joy	yes
Council Member Macmann	yes

5 yes 0 no, motion carries.

First Reading: Ordinance 2023-09 – an ordinance changing Comer Court from a two-way street to a one-way street going east between Blosser Street and Church Street and changing Sunset Street from a two-way street to a one-way street going west between Blosser Street and Church Street.

Public Comments.

Shannon Bemis, 130 Bronwood St, discussed the Manager’s contract, the Manager’s salary, the renewal period language being changed from at 30 days to at least 30 days, and the Manager’s car allowance.

Joshua Farley, 136 Bronwood St, discussed the Manager’s contract.

Administrative staff comments.

Chief Financial Officer presented the financial report.

Motion to adopt October 2023 financial report by Council Member Macmann, seconded by Vice Mayor Loch.

Roll Call:

Council Member Macmann	yes
Vice-Mayor Loch	yes
Council Member Joy	yes
Mayor Arriola	yes
Council Member Adkins	yes

5 yes 0 no motion carries.

Municipal Manager’s comments.

Manager Madden reported the Christmas tree – donated by Vogel Nursery – at the corner of Main and Clayton is up but not decorated yet, leaf-pickup will run at least through December 1st, the ODNR grant has been awarded to us for the tennis court project for \$50,000, the CDBG has been awarded to us for \$50,000, Cookies with Cops is December 2nd from 12-3pm at the Firehouse, a BZA meeting is scheduled for November 28th at 7pm, a Planning Board meeting is scheduled for November 28th at 7:30pm, November 30th at 2:30pm and at 6pm is the gas and electric aggregate public meeting.

Council Member Comments.

Council Member Adkins requested for Council to reexamine the appropriation to see if some money can be reallocated to streets and reassess the storage situation.

Manager Madden offered that Council can schedule another budget work session before the next reading.

Vice Mayor Loch thanked pastor Stephen Betts for giving the invocation.

Mayor Arriola thanked the Fire Department and EMTs.

Motion to go into an executive session, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §121.22 (G) (1), (2), (3), (5) to discuss personnel matters and legal matters, motion by Vice Mayor Loch, seconded by Council Member Joy.

Roll Call:

Council Member Adkins	yes
Vice-Mayor Loch	yes
Council Member Macmann	yes
Mayor Arriola	yes
Council Member Joy	yes

5 yes 0 no, motion carries.

Council, Manager, and Law Director retired to executive session at 7:57pm

Motion to return from executive session by Council Member Adkins, seconded by Vice Mayor Loch.

Roll Call:

Vice-Mayor Loch	yes
Council Member Joy	yes
Mayor Arriola	yes
Council Member Macmann	yes
Council Member Adkins	yes

5 yes 0 no motion carries.

Council, Manager, and Law Director returned from executive session at 8:38pm

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Adkins, seconded by Council Member Joy.

Roll Call:

Council Member Adkins	yes
Mayor Arriola	yes
Council Member Macmann	yes
Vice-Mayor Loch	yes
Council Member Joy	yes

5 yes 0 no motion carries.


Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm by Mayor Arriola.

Approved:



Mayor

Dec 15, 2023
Date



CFO/Clerk of Council

12/15/23
Date