

New Lebanon Regular Council Meeting, October 3, 2023, Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Mayor Arriola. The invocation given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Verbal Roll Call of Council Members:

Council Members:

Christopher Sands	Present
Carol Macmann	Present
Gale B. Joy	Present
Lyndon Perkins	Present
Nicole Adkins	Present
Tammy Loch	Absent
Raymond Arriola	Present

Others Present:

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

Presentation given by Shannon Bemis.

Shannon Bemis discussed various topics: a new vape store in town; a “Meet the Candidates” night by the League of Women Voters; a grant that the city of Brookville applied for; ballot language; concerns about the intersection of Bronwood and Yale; the Police Chief’s contract; the manager’s pay and retirement; a public records request; and a chart of accounts.

Police Presentation of Promotions.

Police Chief Hensley presented Sergeant Wortman and Detective Weir with promotions.

Approval of the September 19, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

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Law Directors comments. Law Director explained the purpose and role of Council.

Old Business, none.

New Business.

Public comments on any Resolution or Ordinance under discussion.

Joshua Farley, 136 Bronwood St, discussed the contract negotiation.

Theresa Cooper, 443 Hazelhurst St, discussed the manager’s retirement.

Shannon Bemis, 130 Bronwood St, discussed the manager’s retirement and the contracts.

Resolution 2023-14: a resolution authorizing the Municipal Manager to negotiate, enter into, and extend the contract with Curtis O. Hensley for the position of Police Chief for the Municipality of New Lebanon.

Council Member comments on this Resolution.

Council Member Adkins requested a copy of the old contract and inquired about Council's involvement in negotiating the new contract.

Motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-14 by Council Member Macmann, seconded by Council Member Joy.

Roll Call:

Council Member Macmann	yes
Council Member Sands	yes
Mayor Arriola	yes
Council Member Perkins	yes
Council Member Joy	yes
Council Member Adkins	yes

6 yes 0 no motion carries.

Resolution 2023-15: a resolution continuing the appointment of Glenna A. Madden as the Municipal Manager for the Municipality of New Lebanon pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the employment agreement.

Council Member Comments on this Resolution.

Council Member Adkins asked to table this resolution to have more time to see the old contract.

Motion was not seconded.

Motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-15 by Council Member Macmann, seconded by Council Member Sands.

Roll Call:

Council Member Sands	yes
Council Member Macmann	yes
Council Member Joy	yes
Mayor Arriola	yes
Council Member Perkins	yes
Council Member Adkins	no

5 yes 1 no motion carries.

First Reading of Ordinance 2023-07: an ordinance certifying the Municipality of New Lebanon distribution year 2024 and tax year 2023 Street Light Assessment to Montgomery County, Ohio, in the amount of \$60,000.00.

Council Member Comments on this Ordinance, none.

Public Comments.

Theresa Cooper, 443 Hazelhurst St, thanked the Water Department for coming out to verify her water meter reading and explain how the reading works. She expressed her disappointment with the Council meeting and regarding the contracts.

Melissa Sexton, 180 Parkview Dr, thanked the Service Department for putting more gravel in the walking path at the park. She expressed her discontent involving Council and the contracts. She also discussed another resident's problem and the curbs at Waite.

Jeff Ullery, 311 E Main St, requested a follow-up on the fire hydrant near his house.

Manager Madden updated that the new hydrant is going to be installed tomorrow.

Paul Boggs, 138 Glenada Ct, asked that Council Member Macmann be voted out based on her conduct and Mayor Arriola step down based on his absences.

Council Member Macmann responded that she did not intend her facial expressions to offend.

Tim Back, 29 E Main St, discussed the contracts; the Manager's hours, salary, and retirement; the Service Department's Safety Guidelines and OSHA guidelines; and the energy aggregate.

Chelsea Appleton, 84 W Main, discussed the new vape store, zoning regulation around new businesses, children vaping and having illegal substances, and Council attendance.

Shannon Bemis, 130 Bronwood St, discussed children vaping, the new vape store and their display of a reportedly upsetting decorations in their window, and Council's purpose.

Craig Roberts, 1080 Saladin Dr, congratulated the officers that got promotions and discussed his disapproval in the conduct of some of the public at the meeting and the use of presentation time as an extension of public comments and not a presentation.

Natasha Farley, 136 Bronwood St, thanked Chief Keyser for a situation earlier that day and discussed the Charter Review Board, ballot language, the contracts, and Council conduct.

Joshua Farley, 136 Bronwood St, discussed the contracts.

Administrative staff comments.

Fire Chief, nothing.

Police Chief, nothing.

Municipal Manager's comments.

Manager Madden discussed the Street Levy Renewal coming up on the ballot – a 5 mill renewal that generates about \$232,000 a year – that will not create any new taxes and has fixed 16 streets in the past. She addressed the ballot language that is on the Board of Election's site but it will be shared on how to get to it on the Village's website. She also discussed the negotiation with Miami Valley Lighting and reported she was able to negotiate to have our increase to be 4-6.5%, whereas others' with this contract would be 4-8%.

Council Member Comments.

Council Member Adkins discussed the timeframe which she and other Council members received their council packets.

Council Member Joy congratulated officers being promoted and briefly discussed new businesses coming into town, his opinion that the Manager has done a good job and welcoming the public addressing grievances.

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 Council Member Macmann, seconded by Council Member Sands.

Roll Call:

Council Member Joy	yes
Mayor Arriola	yes
Council Member Perkins	yes
Council Member Adkins	yes
Council Member Sands	yes
Council Member Macmann	yes

6 yes 0 no motion carries.

Reminder given by Mayor Arriola; no additional business will take place after the executive session.

Motion to return from executive session by Council Member Sands, seconded by Council Member Adkins.

Roll Call:

Council Member Perkins	yes
Council Member Adkins	yes
Council Member Sands	yes
Council Member Joy	yes
Mayor Arriola	yes
Council Member Macmann	yes

6 yes 0 no motion carries.

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

Roll Call:

Mayor Arriola	yes
Council Member Perkins	yes
Council Member Adkins	yes
Council Member Joy	yes
Council Member Sands	yes
Council Member Macmann	yes

6 yes 0 no motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm by Mayor Arriola.

Approved:



Mayor

10/17/23
Date



CFO/Clerk of Council

10/17/23
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