

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

July 16, 2018

6:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Ratliff presiding and the meeting being called to order at 6:30 pm. Council Members present were Dan Bethel, Trent Thompson, Susan Goodfellow, Kathy Chute, Jeff Danison and James Welsh. Also present were Police Chief Scott Ervin and Administrator Bo Powell. Absent was Councilperson Boyle.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to excuse Councilperson Boyle from the July 16, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 18, 2018 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who abstained due to being absent from the June 18, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 19, 2018 hearing as read. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 2, 2018 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Chute who abstained due to being absent from the July 2, 2018 meeting and Councilperson Danison who voted "no". Motion carried.

Eddie Smith from Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council presented Council with an Ordinance to place the Opt-Out Electric Service Aggregation on the ballot for the November 6, 2018 election.

Council Clerk Spohn presented the June credit card statement, June 2018 Bank Reconciliation and the June 2018 Financial Reports on behalf of Finance Director Rockwell. Spohn requested a motion to approve the May 2018 financial statements. Spohn also presented the 2018 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources, an Ordinance for 2018 Supplemental Appropriations and the 2019 Official Certificate of Estimate Resources on behalf of Rockwell. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the May 2018 Financial Statements and the May 2018 Bank Reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to file the 2018 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources with the Perry County Auditor retroactive July 2, 2018. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Councilperson Thompson made a motion to file the 2019 Official Certificate of Estimated Resources with the Perry County Auditor. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Powell stated he will attend a Flood Plain Conference on August 1, 2018 and August 2, 2018. Powell reported to Council that a business on State Street received a permit from Mid-East Builders, but did not apply for a permit with the Village to build in a flood plain. Powell stated he received estimates for four security cameras for the swimming pool and four

security cameras for the street garage. Powell also informed Council he is getting bids for door alarms and extra lighting in these areas. Powell stated the Waste Water Treatment Plant project that was supposed to be a thirty day project turned into a ninety day project but is now moving along and still on budget. Powell informed Council there is a piece of land that the Village owns on Pleasant Street that will need to be vacated to repair the Pleasant Street Bridge. Powell stated the money has been approved for the design for the Brown Street Bridge. The estimated cost for the design is \$9,800.00. Councilperson Thompson inquired about when the Street Department would be doing hot mix so they could fix the curb on Mill Street. Powell stated the Public Service Director is working on getting the hot mix. Councilperson Bethel inquired about the street lights on East Brown Street. Powell stated he would look into this. Councilperson Welsh inquired about zoning for the new houses built on Kennedy and Tile Plant Rd. Powell stated he is researching to see if there can be any more houses built on the property.

Council discussed issues with houses that have burned down in the Village and what steps to take to resolve this issue.

Police Chief Ervin reported that the 4th of July Celebration went well. Ervin informed Council that Finance Director Rockwell, Administrator Powell and himself met to discuss an IT person and the Insurance Broker. Ervin stated they are going to ask for references for the Insurance Broker. Ervin stated they also discussed uniforms. Ervin stated he has requested the permit from the state to shut down portions of Main Street for the Fall Festival. Ervin stated the Police Department's call volume has been steady.

Councilperson Bethel reported on the Finance Committee meeting held July 16, 2018. Bethel stated Bob Jablonski gave the committee an update of ongoing projects with the Village. Jablonski also reported the Interceptor D project is complete except for the walkthrough. Jablonski stated the Pleasant Street Bridge will be constructed 2019/2020. He informed the committee the Streetscape is 95% funded and should begin spring 2020. The Waterline Replacement project has no final design at this time and the entire project may be a loan but they will look for grant funding to see if any is available. Jablonski stated the Asset Management Plan for EPA requirements must be completed by October. Bethel stated Finance Director Rockwell presented the committee with the 2019 Official Certificate of Estimated Resources. Bethel informed Council Administrator Powell presented estimates for cameras for the pool and Street garage due to the pool being broken into several times. The Committee requested amendments to the quotes.

Administrator Powell informed Council the Street Department has a truck that has been red tagged. Powell stated he received a quote from Ridenour Motors for a 2018 Ford F-150 for \$26,156.

Police Chief Ervin requested an executive session. Council decided to hold executive session after the reading of Ordinances and Resolutions.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 18-19 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 18-19: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE**

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 18-9 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE WATER OPERATING AND SEWER OPERATING FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE. Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-19 retroactive July 2, 2018 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 18-20 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 18-20: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT AN OPT-OUT ELECTRIC SERVICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20, OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE VILLAGE TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-20 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to go into executive session for the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee under ORC 121.22 (G) (1) with Council, Mayor, Police Chief, Administrator and Council Clerk present. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned for executive session at 7:15 pm.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 7:20 pm.

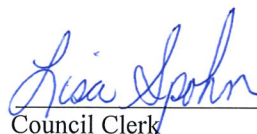
Councilperson Thompson stated no decisions were made as a result of the executive session.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted “yes.” Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.


Mayor


Council Clerk