

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
October 1, 2018
6:30 PM
MUNCIPAL 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 Trent Thompson, Kathy Chute, Susan Goodfellow, Susan Boyle, Jeff Danison, Dan Bethel and James Welsh. Also present were Police Chief Scott Ervin, Interim Fire Chief Rob Stallings and Administrator Bo Powell.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 4, 2018 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who abstained due to being absent from the September 4, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 17, 2018 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilpersons Danison, Boyle and Chute who abstained due to being absent from the September 17, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes for the Special Council Meeting September 24, 2018 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilpersons Bethel and Goodfellow who abstained due to being absent from the September 24, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff stated he had nothing to present at this time. Councilperson Chute inquired about the restitution document the attorney was supposed to draw up. Mayor Ratliff stated Administrator Powell was looking into this. Powell stated Hollingshead was having his attorney draw up the restitution document. Councilperson Chute inquired how long Council was going to wait for this document. Council stated they should have the document within two weeks, by the next Council meeting. Councilperson Chute asked if Council was ok with Hollingshead's attorney drawing up the restitution document. Councilperson Thompson stated if Council reviews the document before it is signed it should not be a problem. Mayor Ratliff asked Administrator Powell to contact Attorney Sitterley to draw up the restitution document. Powell asked if Council wanted the documents from both attorneys. Councilperson Thompson stated that would be beneficial. Councilperson Chute stated if Hollingshead's attorney wants to draw up the restitution document that's fine then it would need to go to Attorney Sitterley for approval

Council Clerk Spohn requested a motion to approve the August Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliation on behalf of Finance Director Rockwell. Councilperson Thompson made a motion to approve the August 2018 Financial Statements and the August 2018 Bank Reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Powell informed Council the center lines on East Brown Street need painted and the estimated cost is \$3,800. Powell informed Council everything is in place with ODOT to close a portion of Main Street for the Fall Festival. Powell stated the street would reopen at midnight. Powell informed Council he received equipment from the coal mine to use as another source for back-up electricity for

the Fall Festival if needed. The equipment can also be used anytime for other needs. Powell stated the street sweeper is working well. Powell informed Council he spoke with ODOT about doing patch repair on the pavement on South Main Street. The cost to do the repairs would come from the State Highway Fund and will be approximately \$3,500.

Police Chief Ervin requested an executive session. Ervin stated they are still trying to contact owners of burned properties. Ervin stated the Police Department will be receiving a portion of funds from a case they worked on and the money will go into a restricted fund to be used on equipment. Ervin informed Council he has not heard back from Attorney Baughman about the golf carts. Ervin requested a decision from Council on whether to proceed with the attorney for legal issues regarding the use of golf carts on the Village roadways. Councilperson Goodfellow stated she did not approve of the usage of golf carts on the roadways. Councilperson Chute agreed. Councilperson Welsh stated when ODOT makes golf carts legal then Council will discuss the regulations within the Village.

Interim Fire Chief Rob Stallings informed Council he provided Mayor Ratliff an application for Tyler Crane for a position with the Fire Department.

Councilperson Bethel reported on the Finance Committee Meeting that was held on October 1, 2018. Bethel stated Administrator Powell recommended that the center lines on East Brown Street be painted and to have ODOT do patch repair on South Main Street. Powell reported that the estimated cost to make repairs to the filtration system on the baby pool is \$2,400. Bethel stated Interim Fire Chief Stallings inquired about the fire hydrants on Saint Clair Street. Stallings was informed the hydrants work but there is low water pressure and Poggemeyer Design Group is working on a resolution to the issue. Bethel stated the committee discussed repairs needed to the power unit and cutter in the Fire Department. Bethel stated the backup medic is down and the committee approved the \$18,000 estimate to repair. Stallings will bring a resolution to the next Council meeting to make repairs to the backup medic. Councilperson Bethel stated they need to do something with the old medics. Council decided to try and have Medic 10 sent to auction and for Stallings to scrap Medic 14.

Councilperson Goodfellow inquired about the request from Carma Jean Rausch to change the name of Town Hall Ave. to MacGahan Street. Police Chief Ervin asked if it had to be Town Hall Ave. that gets changed or if it could be the alley beside the park with the MacGahan Statue. Mayor Ratliff stated the Peoples Bank may own the alley. Councilperson Thompson asked if Walnut Street could be changed since there are no physical addresses on this street to change and there are two physical addresses that would need changed on Town Hall Ave. Ervin and Administrator Powell will look at the plat map to see if the bank owns the alley.

Councilperson Boyle reported on the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on September 25, 2018. Boyle stated Administrator Powell, Chuck Hicks and herself walked Main Street to check all locations for water and electric for the Fall Festival. Boyle reported Hicks and herself will be mapping out the street for vendors on October 11, 2018. Boyle stated the Methodist Church is going to set up games for the festival and the Baptist Church on State Route 93 will be volunteering to help with the festival.

Councilperson Danison inquired about the status of the paving project. Administrator Powell stated they are waiting for Shelly and Sands.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(6) with the Mayor, Administrator, Police Chief, Interim Fire Chief and Council Clerk present. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned for executive session at 7:20 PM.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 7:30 PM.

Councilperson Bethel stated no decision was 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 Boyle. All Council voted "yes." Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk