

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
August 15, 2016
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 Dan Bethel, Richard Anderson, Susan Goodfellow and Susan Boyle. Also present were Village Administrator Scott Bryant, Finance Director Heather Rockwell and Police Chief Scott Ervin. Absent were Councilpersons Chute, Fiore and Danison.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Chute, Fiore and Danison from the August 15, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 1, 2016 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilpersons Bethel and Anderson who abstained due to being absent from the August 1, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 26, 2016 work session as read. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Steve Coffman spoke to Council about delinquent property taxes and presented Council with information regarding Land Banks. Coffman stated he would like Council's support of the Land Bank when he presents the information to the Perry County Commissioners.

Tim Deavers spoke to Council about creating a disc golf course at the city park. Mayor Ratliff asked Deavers if he would be interested in getting business sponsors if the Village would proceed with this course. Deavers stated he would. Administrator Bryant stated he would have to contact Ann Bonner about the location at the park that would be used to make sure there are no restrictions because it is a nature preserve.

Mayor Ratliff stated he contacted Perry County Commissioner Dave Freriks about the next meeting to discuss the 911 contract. Ratliff stated that Dave Freriks is going to contact him to let him know when the meeting will be held.

Finance Director Rockwell requested a motion to approve the July 2016 Financial Reports and the July Bank Reconciliation. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the June 2016 Financial Reports and the July 2016 Bank Reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Bryant informed Council that the administration offices will resume regular hours starting on August 22, 2016 due to the training of the new water clerk going so well. Bryant also stated he has four emergency resolutions that need approved at tonight's meeting. Bryant requested a special meeting due to the absence of council members to vote on emergency resolutions. A special Council meeting was scheduled for August 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm to vote on emergency resolutions. Councilperson Goodfellow inquired about the Pleasant Street bridge closure. Bryant stated ODOT tested the load limit of the bridge and ordered it closed due to the deterioration.

Police Chief Ervin gave an update Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall that will be in New Lexington August 25, 2016 thru August 29, 2016. Ervin also stated that there have been complaints about the flag in front of Village Hall. Ervin stated he has contacted State Representatives and Senate members to request they donate new flags. Ervin informed Council that he received complaints about no street light on Vine Street and that there has been more crime in the area. Ervin stated that this needs to be revisited by a Committee. Mayor Ratliff stated this should go to the Planning Committee not the Municipal Concerns Committee. Mayor Ratliff stated they need to ask the Law Director for clarification on what Committee should address this request.

A Finance Committee and Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2016 at 4:45 pm.

Councilperson Boyle stated the Planning /Economic Committee met Jenny Larue of the Perry County Health Department at the Pizza Place on August 8, 2016 for the assessment walk on Broadway. Boyle stated East Broadway is in need of sidewalk repair. Boyle informed Council that she spoke to Deb Hutmire of the New Lexington Tree Commission about replacing some trees on Broadway Street. Hutmire informed Boyle the money is there and to contact her once sidewalks have been replaced. Boyle stated they are working on a grant to replace sidewalks. A Planning Committee/ Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2016 at 5:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Finance Director Rockwell stated a Records Committee meeting was scheduled for August 29, 2016 at 3:30 pm at Village Hall.

Councilperson Goodfellow requested Administrator Bryant contact the railroad about replacing the railroad crossings in town.

Councilperson Bethel inquired about the status of the counter offer for the sale of the Community Building to the County. Administrator Bryant stated he spoke with Commissioner Jim O'Brien and that the County is still interested in the building.

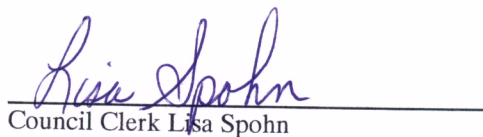
Police Chief Ervin reminded Council that they should establish a plan for dispatching services.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes." Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.


Mayor Kevin Ratliff


Council Clerk Lisa Spohn