

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING  
November 5, 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 Dan Bethel, Trent Thompson, Susan Goodfellow, Kathy Chute, Susan Boyle and Jeff Danison. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin, Administrator Bo Powell and Interim Fire Chief John Benson. Absent was Councilperson Jim Welsh.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilperson Welsh from the November 5, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 15, 2018 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who abstained due to being absent from the October 15, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff stated there was one person scheduled to speak before Council. Ratliff stated he was not sure if he was going to allow him to speak. Councilperson Goodfellow asked if he called before the deadline to be placed on the agenda. Finance Director Rockwell stated "yes". Councilperson Chute stated the agenda was provided to Council with the person listed. Ratliff stated technically the agenda was made today. Council Clerk Spohn reported that she was on vacation last week and her answering machine informs people to call the Finance Director if they would like to be placed on the agenda for the upcoming Council meeting. Spohn stated she updated the agenda upon her return and placed a copy in all mail boxes. Due to the internet being down she was unable to e-mail the agenda. Councilperson Goodfellow asked Rockwell when Fain contacted her to be placed on the agenda. Rockwell stated Fain contacted her the previous Wednesday. Ratliff stated Fain had five minutes to speak. Councilperson Chute stated some of the information Fain wants to present needs to be in executive session. Chute asked Council if they wanted an executive session now or at the end of the meeting. Ratliff stated Fain could speak in front of Council, not in executive session. Chute stated in fairness, some of the subject matter Fain had to speak about is personnel issues and cannot be discussed in an open Council meeting. Chute stated this has always been done in executive session. Ratliff stated people can't come to a Council meeting and request an executive session. Chute stated she was the one requesting the executive session.

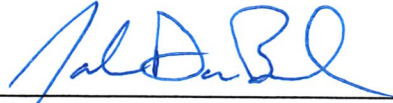
Councilperson Chute made a motion to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(1) to discuss personnel discipline and complaints with Jim Fain, Council, Mayor, Administrator Powell, Interim Fire Chief Benson present. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who voted "no". Motion carried. Mayor Ratliff requested Police Chief Ervin remain.


Meeting suspended for executive session at 6:45 pm.

Councilperson Chute stated no decision was made as a result of the executive session.

Councilperson Chute stated Mayor Ratliff got upset in the executive session and adjourned the session without a motion or polling of Council to end the session. Chute stated Ratliff also adjourned the Council meeting without a motion or polling of Council. Chute stated Council did not believe the Mayor has the right to adjourn executive session or a Council meeting. Chute stated Council was not going to continue the meeting. Chute stated there were Resolutions and motions that would not get passed for two weeks due to this.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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Mayor

  
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Council Clerk