

**VILLAGE OF NEW LEBANON
COUNCIL MEETING
July 16, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.
Council Chambers**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Nickerson. The invocation was given by Mayor Nickerson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Nickerson asked for thoughts and prayers for Council Member Perkins and his wife as they are struggling with health issues.

VERBAL ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Members:

Timothy L. Back	Present
Gale B. Joy	Present
Charles Cooper	Present
Lyndon Perkins	Absent
Melissa Sexton	Present
Nicole Adkins	Present
David Nickerson	Present

Others Present

Fire Chief Keyser
Acting Village Manager Anderson
Interim Law Director McNamee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of the July 2, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Vice Mayor Adkins made a motion to approve the July 2, 2024, minutes. Council Member Sexton seconded.

4 yes and 1 no vote, the motion passes and the minutes are approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council member Sexton asked about the lights at Don Rusk Park and Access Road lighting.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO: 2024-14 - A Resolution: To Appoint Charles Cooper as Village Council Member.

Council member Sexton's made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-14, Council member Back seconded.

Roll Call:

Council member Sexton	Yes
Council member Back	Yes
Council member Joy	No
Vice-Mayor Adkins	Yes
Mayor Nickerson	Yes

4 yes 1 no vote, the motion passes.

Mayor Nickerson swore in the new council member, Charles Cooper.

RESOLUTION NO: 2024-15 - A Resolution: Authorizing the Acting Village Manager to Execute the Required Liquor License to Allow Beer Sales at A Day at the Park.

Council member Sexton's made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-15, Council member Back seconded.

Roll Call:

Council member Back	Yes
Council member Joy	Yes
Council member Cooper	Yes

Vice-Mayor Adkins	Yes
Council member Sexton	Yes
Mayor Nickerson	Yes

6 yes votes and 0 no votes, the motion is approved.

RESOLUTION NO: 2024-16 – A Resolution: Allowing the Acting Village Manager to List and Sell Surplus Fire Items or Vehicles on GovDeals, 100 Capitol Commerce Blvd, Suite 110, Montgomery, Alabama 36117.

Vice-Mayor Adkins made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-16, Council member Sexton seconded.

Roll Call:

Council member Joy	Yes
Council member Cooper	Yes
Vice-Mayor Adkins	Yes
Council member Back	Yes
Mayor Nickerson	Yes
Council member Sexton	Yes

6 yes votes and 0 no votes, the motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tina Bell, 301 Blosser, asked for prayers for President Trump and his family, spoke on the garden, and asked if there was any information on a pharmacy in town.

Shannon Bemis, 130 Bronwood Street, welcomed Council member Cooper, expressed frustration with Council member Joy making statements on Facebook but not participating in council meetings stating she has emailed and asked him questions on multiple occasions with no response, and spoke on the charter requirements.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COMMENTS

Fire Chief Keyser stated he received the fireworks permit for A Day at the Park. Chief Keyser reminded the council about the Fire employee recognition ceremony in August and asked for a Council members to the R.S.V.P. by the end of the month. The part of the ceremony that is open to the public will be at 1:00 p.m. and the Chief is hoping the new tanker will be delivered by that day so he can also hold a “push-in” ceremony before having refreshments.

Council member Sexton asked Fire Chief Keyser if there was a social media policy for the fire department.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER’S COMMENTS

Council member Back asked for the Interim Municipal Manager to investigate the possibility of time clocks and work orders for Village employees.

Council member Sexton asked about the operator of record we pay and what role the service department workers have with our water system. She also asked about the tall grass in front of the new Dollar General and the overgrown trees coming into the Village on Main Street.

COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Council member Cooper stated it was an honor to be there.

VICE-MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Vice-Mayor Adkins extended prayers for Mr. Perkins and his wife.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

None

ADDED TO AGENDA

Shannon Bemis, 130 Bronwood Street, agreed with Council member Sexton about the trees that are overgrown and not being able to see traffic when pulling out of O’Reilly’s, recommended the village look into a social media policy for employees, and spoke on the citizen that was trespassed from the municipal building.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Sexton motioned to adjourn; Vice-Mayor Adkins seconded.

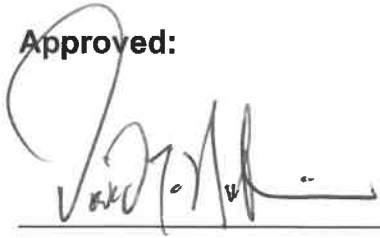
Roll Call:

Council member Cooper	Yes
Mayor Nickerson	Yes
Council member Sexton	Yes
Council member Back	Yes
Council member Joy	Yes
Vice-Mayor Adkins	Yes

6 yes votes and 0 no votes, the motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.by Mayor Nickerson.

Approved:



Mayor

8/6/24

Date



Clerk of Council

8/6/24

Date