

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, December 28, 2020 @ 7 p.m.

Mayor Toby Thomas called the meeting to order. He then gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was then taken with the following members present: Myers, Jennifer Ball, Willis, Gullett, Cooke and Steve Ball.

Also present: Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Marvin McCallister, Joe Hicks, Joe Thomas, Aric Ubienski and Lynne Phillips.

Toby Thomas asked for approval of the agenda. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the agenda. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the December 14, 2020 All Other budget meeting were presented for approval. Cooke made a motion to approve the minutes. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the December 14, 2020 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked if there were any public questions or statements. There were none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth then reported the following:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – We are working with GLCAP to resubmit this project to the State for Critical Infrastructure Grant funding. We are looking for some residents along Park Ave. to help us out with the grant application. We need letters about the inconvenience the water main breaks have caused over the years. The letters will be submitted with the grant application.

- Crews fixed a water main break last Thursday on Akron Street. Good Job.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Everyone is working to finish up the funding requirements so we can close and go to bid for this project.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.

- Thank You to the crews out Christmas Eve & Christmas Day plowing snow.

Other

- Cares Act Grants- grant closeout docs. are due. Carol Knapp has been in contact with those awarded grants to complete and turn in these closeout reports.
- Have a safe and Happy New Year.

Toby Thomas stated he didn't have much to report but he wanted to thank Shawn Pickworth for his hard work with the Coronavirus Relief Funds.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police. Chief Hicks requested council's approval to hire Aric M. Ubienski as a reserve police officer for the Village of New London. Aric Ubienski has been an employee of the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center since 2017. He graduated in August from Medina County Career Center. His background checks were fine and his references spoke highly of him. Chief Hicks thought Aric would fit in well with the New London Police Department. Currently the department has 14 officers. There are three full-time officers, eight part-time and three reserve. Reserve officers are not paid by the village so it is a huge savings for the department. If council agrees, Aric will bring the total of reserve officers up to four. Currently, it has been difficult to fill all the shifts.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow Chief Hicks to hire Aric M. Ubienski as a reserve police officer for the Village of New London. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then swore in Aric M. Ubienski as a Village of New London Reserve Police Officer.

Chief Hicks thanked council for their approval of Aric Ubienski.

Toby Thomas asked for a report for the fire department. Fire chief John Chapin absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Jennifer Ball had nothing to report.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Recreation. Joe Thomas shared the following report:

- Everything is going well at the reservoir. Out of the 9 new seasonal sites we have already filled 5 of them and calls have been made to the next people on the list.
- We have been working on the 12 new weekend camp sites by the cabins
- BCU is in the process of getting permits for the project.
- Shawn, Don, Brian and myself met with Keen Pump to review the campground for ordering the lift station to add all the sewer sites.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-34 An Ordinance Providing for the Appointment of the Village Solicitor. Third Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the third reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-35 An Ordinance Amending Section 921.10(a), 925.07(b), 931.02(d), and 959.10 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Rates for Utility Services. Third Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-40 An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance on December 31, 2020 of Employee Paychecks, Otherwise Scheduled to Be Issued to Village Employees on January 1, 2021, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-40 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Cooke made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-41 An Ordinance Amending the 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Cooke made a motion to allow Ordinance 2020-41 to be passed on an emergency measure. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-42 An Ordinance Amending the 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to allow Ordinance 2020-42 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2020-10 A Resolution Approving the Award of a New London Cares Act Small Business Grant, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2020-10 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business. There was none.

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Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented the Then and Now Bills under Schedule B. Steve Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to adjourn. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor