



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

April 8, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fedell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo MI 49337.

Presiding officer: Mayor Fedell

Secretary: Clerk, Kim Goodin

Roll Call: Present: Black, Fedell, Hikade, Palmiter, Walerczyk
Absent: Ederer, Johnson

Motion by Black, support by Walerczyk to excuse absent members. AIF/MC

Motion by Walerczyk, support by Palmiter to approve the amended agenda tabling item "A" Ordinance 19-01 until the May Council meeting. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mitchell Murray, from Michigan Agricultural Commodities (MAC), read a letter from MAC, which was handed out to each Council Member prior to the meeting. The letter was regarding the City's interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance related to Height Exceptions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Hikade, support by Palmiter to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 03/11/19 and accounts payable of \$23,894.02, \$373,193.81, \$2,700.13, \$44,210.87, \$2,845.74, and \$154.46. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Fedell, Hikade, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer, Johnson Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

Schneider went over the budget in detail; discussed some highlights and explained some revenues and expenditures. He stated that the budget is overall right where it should be and explained a couple of fluctuations.

Fedell stated that the Personnel Committee held its annual review process of the City Manager, Jon Schneider and that the written meeting minutes were in the packets. Fedell thanked Schneider for all he does as City Manager. Walerczyk said Schneider doing a good job and glad to have him as Newaygo City Manager. Hikade said he appreciates Schneider's work ethic and encouraged his balance of work and family life. Black said he appreciates Schneider's detail, work ethic and character. Black said he is doing a great job and glad to have him as Newaygo City Manager.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Ken DeLaat, County Commissioner, stated that the County is starting to work on the budget and they have contracted with NCATS for IT and things are going very well.

Scott Faulkner, Economic and Community Development Coordinator, discussed information in packets explaining various NEDO project updates. He spoke about "IamNewaygo" Public Engagement meeting being held on Thursday, April 25th at 6:00 pm at the Newaygo Elementary School. Council asked questions about Public MDOT Meeting that was held a few weeks ago, which Faulkner and Schneider answered. The MDOT meeting addressed 2019 M-37 bridge maintenance and changes in lane configurations on M-37 between Quarterline and Croton Rd. intersection.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider discussed Demolition Grant that the City was awarded from Michigan Land Bank for demolition of properties behind The Stream on City owned property along Wood St. next to the railroad tracks. He stated that proposals for potential marketing strategies for The Stream would be going to TIFA this week and discussed AT&T lease agreement

for tower in the City. Schneider said that City is currently working with legal counsel regarding contract with building inspector that may be coming to the May Council Meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated that repair work had been completed on Bridge Street and water leak by MAC had been repaired. He said painting of the bottom of water tower will begin soon.

Sgt. Walerczyk stated that the Marshall Vigil will be held on May 16th. He gave an update on the TruNarc stating it had been utilized 6 times in less than two months. Sgt. Walerczyk stated that the Newaygo Police Department has a 68% clearance rate and the state average is in the mid 20%

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Hikade, support by Palmiter to approve Resolution 19-10 which approves the Newaygo Area Fire District budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Fedell, Hikade, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer, Johnson Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Walerczyk, support by Hikade to approve Resolution 19-11 which sets the public hearing date of May 13, 2019 for the G-M Wood Products, Inc, Tax Abatement request. AIF/MC

Motion by Palmiter, support by Black to approve Resolution 19-12 which sets the date and schedule of notice for the public hearing on the 2019-2020 fire protection special assessment roll. AIF/MC

Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to approve Resolution 19-13 supporting lane configuration changes North of Quarterline Rd. AIF/MC

Motion by Black, support by Hikade to approve Resolution 19-14 supporting lane configuration changes South of Quarterline Rd. AIF/MC

Motion by Hikade, support by Palmiter to approve Easement to Consumers Energy Company for overhead wires in Brooks Park. AIF/MC

Motion by Black, support by Walerczyk to approve the Easement to Consumers Energy Company for the area behind The Stream for 41 State Rd. AIF/MC

Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to approve Sewer Project Payment Request Number One for \$174,699.30. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Fedell, Hikade, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer, Johnson Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Black, support by Walerczyk to approve Sewer Project Change Order Number Two. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Fedell, Hikade, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer, Johnson Nay: None. CARRIED

Faulkner, Economic and Community Development Coordinator, gave an update on potential pedestrian bridges to be located from Wood Street to Henning Park and one at Park Street. He said the City is working with MEDC for 90% of the funding and the City would need to contribute or seek donations for 10% of the cost. Faulkner stated currently working with the DEQ on next steps.

Motion by Walerczyk, support by Palmiter to approve the Emma Graham Color Run and use of City streets on Sunday, May 19, 2019. AIF/MC

Motion by Hikade, support by Black to approve the use of Brooks Park for the Family of God Community Church on Tuesday June 25th from 4:00 pm-9:30 pm. AIF/MC

Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to approve pinwheel garden in Brooks Park in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention month restricting pinwheels to mulch areas or flower box area. AIF/MC

Motion by Walerczyk, support by Black to approve the use of Riverfront Park Phase I for Lakeview Community Middle School on Friday, May 3, 2019 with a rain date of Friday, May 10, 2019. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Schneider thanked Council for all the kind words. He thanked all departments and staff of the City for their hard work and dedication to the City.

Fedell thanked all for coming out.

Motion by Black, support by Walerczyk to adjourn the meeting. AIF/MC

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin