



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

May 13, 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 Hikade, support by Walerczyk to excuse absent members. AIF/MC

Motion by Black, support by Palmiter to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Black, support by Walerczyk to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular Council Minutes from 04/08/19 and accounts payable of \$15,563.66, \$20,299.09, \$99,304.36, \$21,308.19, \$29,647.75, \$65.27, \$12,232.93, \$1,575.00, \$58.99, and \$2,034.92. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Fedell, Hikade, Palmiter, Walerczyk
Absent: Ederer, Johnson None Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

Motion by Hikade, support by Palmiter at 7:02 pm to open public hearing to discuss and take comment on the G-M Wood Products Tax Abatement request. AIF/MC Kevin Karris was present on behalf of G-M Wood Products and stated that G-M Wood Products is excited to be growing in Newaygo and appreciates the support from the City and The Right Place. Karris said that the new building is 140,000 sq. feet and they are investing \$6,500,000 between building and equipment. He said they plan to add approximately 20 jobs and hope to have the first phase complete by the end of July. Julie Burrell, from The Right Place, stated The Right Place supports G-M Wood Products and that they are very valuable to the community. Schneider stated that it has been a joy to work with G-M Wood Products and the City is very supportive of their expansion. Motion by Hikade, support by Black at 7:11 pm to close public hearing. AIF/MC

Motion by Palmiter, support by Walerczyk at 7:12 pm to open public hearing to discuss and take comments on the proposed City budget and millage rate for fiscal year 2019-2020. AIF/MC Schneider went over the new budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 and discussed the highlights. He discussed debt schedule and stated that Magna has one debt payment left. Schneider answered questions from the Council. No comments or questions from public on budget or millage rate. Motion by Walerczyk, support by Palmiter at 7:35 pm to close public hearing. AIF/MC

Motion by Hikade, support by Black at 7:36 pm to open public hearing to discuss and take comments on the Fire District Special Assessment roll. AIF/MC Schneider explained this is routine each year. Hikade stated that medical calls are up for the fire department. Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to close public hearing at 7:37 pm. AIF/MC

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Ken DeLaat, County Commissioner, stated that the County is working on a potential grant for recycling locations. He said they are in the process of reviewing department budgets.

Mike Hikade, Newaygo Fire Board Member, stated that Fire Chief Wolford is resigning effective June 1st and they are working on updating various job descriptions. He said they are also working on updating policy and procedures. A letter from the Newaygo Fire Department was handed out to each Council Member asking about the possibility of utilizing City owned structures behind The Stream for training purposes. Hikade asked if that letter could be returned to the Fire Department for the Fire Board to discuss details before Council reached a decision.

Kelly Tinkham, Newaygo Area District Library Director, said the Library is having a “Community Shout Out” event on June 21, 2019 beginning at 10:00 am with food at 5:30 pm and live music at 6:00 pm in Brooks Park.

Scott Faulkner, Economic and Community Development Coordinator, discussed information in packets explaining various NEDO project updates. He briefly went through slide show that was presented at Public Engagement Meeting held on April 25th.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider updated Council on request from George Suchy, Garfield Township Supervisor. Suchy asked if the City would be willing to contribute money towards repairs on 68th Street as it borders the City. Schneider had told Suchy that the City did not have enough money to repair current roads in the City. Council Members said if Street did not qualify for funding according to Act 51 Street Map, the City would not pay or contribute towards repair. Schneider gave an update on demolition of houses behind The Stream and stated nothing can be done until asbestos testing is complete and if any asbestos found it would have to be removed prior to any work or possible training occurring. Council Members discussed letter received from Newaygo Fire Department and stated they are not opposed to training occurring if timing works out, but felt the Fire Department needs to discuss with Fire Board first and if approved the Fire Department would need to provide liability indemnification. Schneider discussed leadership training opportunity that was included in their packets and discussed assessed value vs. taxable valuable graphs for the County. He stated that the City received The River Country Trail Blazer Award, which was voted on by all River Country Chamber of Commerce Members. The award spotlights a business located in Newaygo County that displays the qualities of overall excellence and is innovative and forward thinking.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated that Newaygo High School “Be Nice Program” partnered with City of Newaygo and 400 kids cleaned, raked, painted and did other jobs around the City for one day. He thanked Newaygo High School for choosing to help keep the City clean. Wight said the bottom of water tower has been painted and they have been busy working at Marshall Park. He stated that paving is occurring in various areas around the City.

Chief Andres stated that the Marshall Park Vigil is May 16th and this week is Police Week. She said she was re-elected to the MACP Board, stated that boat patrol will start on May 25th and Newaygo Kids Day will be on June 8th. She discussed a local resident who went above and beyond assisting law enforcement that will be receiving an award from MACP.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to approve Resolution 19-15 which approves the G-M Wood Products, Inc. Tax Abatement for 10 years. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Fedell, Hikade, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer, Johnson Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Black, support by Hikade to approve Tax Abatement Agreement with G-M Wood Products. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Fedell, Hikade, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer, Johnson Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Hikade, support by Palmiter to approve Resolution 19-16 adopting the City 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 19-17 adopting the 2019-2020 City millage levy. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Fedell, Hikade, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer, Johnson Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Black, support by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 19-18 which approves the NCRA fiscal year budget for 2019-2020. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Fedell, Hikade, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer, Johnson Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Hikade, support by Black to approve Resolution 19-19 which establishes the funding level of 1.99654 for Newaygo Area Fire District for fiscal year 2019-2020. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Fedell, Hikade, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer, Johnson Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Hikade, support by Black to approve Resolution 19-20 confirming special assessment roll, establishing lien and providing for the payment and collection of special assessments for Fire Board. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Fedell, Hikade, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer, Johnson Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to approve Resolution 19-21 which exercises the City's right to exempt itself from the requirements of PA 152 of 2011 for coverage beginning 08/01/19. AIF/MC

Motion by Hikade, support by Black to approve Ordinance 19-01 which amends Height Exceptions section of Zoning Ordinance. AIF/MC

Motion by Palmiter, support by Black to approve Wisner License Agreement at Riverfront Park Phase II. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Fedell, Hikade, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer, Johnson Nay: None. CARRIED Rachel Wisner, owner of Wisner's Canoe Rental, stated that it is their 50th year in business and they will be hosting fun events throughout the summer. Schneider stated that 99% of the License Agreement is the same and that the City Attorney suggested changing from Lease Agreement to License Agreement.

Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to approve Brookhaven Code Enforcement Agreement. AIF/MC

Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 19-22 declaring Police Week Newaygo. AIF/MC

Motion by Palmiter, support by Walerczyk to approve Sewer Project Payment Request Number Two-Draw Three. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Fedell, Hikade, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer, Johnson Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Hikade, support by Black to approve amendment to the Water Tower Lease Agreement with AT&T and Short Form Lease. Yeas: Black, Fedell, Hikade, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer, Johnson Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Black, support by Walerczyk to approve Newaygo Public Schools utilizing Brooks Park to serve free lunches from June 17, 2019 through August 7, 2019 from 12:00 pm to 12:25 pm, Monday through Friday. AIF/MC

Motion by Hikade, support by Black to approve Newaygo United Methodist Church utilizing Brooks Park for worship on Sunday, July 7, 2019 from 11:00 am-5:00 pm. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ross Nelson, 469 Quarterline, stated that they have more participants than past years signed up for Newaygo Kids Day on June 8th.

Michael Burns, 151 State, Newaygo District Library Board Member, stated that Kelly Tinkham, Director of Library, does a great job and they are blessed she is running the library.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Walerczyk told Schneider great job with the budget.

Hikade told Schneider he did a great job with the budget and that he will contact Chief Wolford on the training request by the Newaygo Fire Department.

Palmiter told Schneider good job on the budget. He discussed plaque at the high school for past students that have served.

Black told Schneider good job on the budget and a lot of work put in to budget.

Goodin reminded Council members and public that November was the City Council Election and gave deadline information.

Schneider gave stats from the State on roads and bridges and stated that MDOT would be working on the M-37 Bridge in Newaygo this summer.

Fedell thanked all for coming out and stated there are two Council Meetings in June.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin