



## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

### June 10, 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, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk  
Absent: Ederer

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

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Hikade, support by Black to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 05/13/19 and accounts payable of \$34,681.01, \$520,508.88, \$15,165.57, \$11,619.29, \$181,076.00, \$51.32, \$35,335.06, \$232.47, \$1,273.91, and \$2,412.54. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer None Nay: None. CARRIED

#### **RESERVED TIME**

Holly Moon, Newaygo County Treasurer, was present to give the Council an update on her office. She stated that 2016-2017 was a good collection year and they were still able to self-fund. Moon said that there are no parcels in the City of Newaygo in the upcoming County Auction Sale.

#### **COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS**

Scott Faulkner, Economic and Community Development Coordinator, discussed information in packets explaining various NEDO project updates. He discussed a possible housing study that he is looking into and a meeting with Christian Healthcare Center regarding a possible site in Newaygo.

Ross Nelson, representing River Country Chamber of Commerce, gave an update on Kids Day and said all went good and numbers have grown. He stated that instead of holding a July Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, the Board Members would be visiting businesses during that time.

#### **CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

Schneider updated Council on request from a resident wanting to gate off an undeveloped and unmaintained City Street (Edwards Street) that he has maintained and utilized as driveway to discourage others from utilizing. Council stated that it is a public street so anyone can utilize and would not recommend gating off. Schneider stated that City Hall is planning to be closed on the Friday before Labor Day as Council had approved the City parking lot to be closed for Logging Festival activities that day and weekend. Any City employee that takes the day off will utilize a vacation day. Council did not have any problems with closing City Hall. Schneider said discussions have occurred about the possibility of moving Wood Street closer to the railroad tracks along Railside Property behind The Stream. He said many factors would have to be discussed and reviewed before this could potentially occur.

**DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated that paving would begin on various City streets in the coming weeks. Chief Andres stated that the Marshall Park Vigil went well and Kids Day was amazing. She stated that Randy’s House would be shutting the Women’s House down until first part of July as looking for new house managers. Chief gave stats on TruNarc device usage and number of drug arrests over past couple of months.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to delegate authority allowing the City Manager to work with non-profit organizations and individuals to salvage components in houses and building along Wood Street behind The Stream before they are demolished. AIF/MC Schneider discussed the possibility of allowing non-profit organizations or individuals the opportunity to repurpose components of houses and buildings behind The Stream before they are demolished and said the City Attorney would provide a waiver that would need to be signed by each organization or individual stating that the City is not liable.

Fedell stated that a request was made by a downtown business for a few parking spots behind The Stream to be designated as short-term parking. Discussion occurred between Council Members and public relating to: policing spaces, how would location be determined, and if allowed for one business would have to allow option for other businesses. Decision was to hold off on this at current time.

Motion by Hikade, support by Palmiter to approve amendment to the Water Tower Lease Agreement with AT&T and Short Form Lease. Yeas: Black, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated that this had been approved last month, but AT&T changed the term limit.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mike King, 220 State St., was present representing VFW Post 4249, and handed out sheet with information regarding a Memorial at Newaygo High School and stated they would like to add a Korea and Vietnam Veterans Memorial for those who attended Newaygo High School. King said they are trying to raise funds for this cause and asked if the City of Newaygo would be able to contribute towards this cause. Mayor Fedell stated they would look into this as the City has requirements of what they can donate and spend money on.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Palmiter thanked King for working on the memorial at the school.

Johnson said looking forward to paving of roads.

Schneider said Library is having a Community Event on June 21<sup>st</sup> in Brooks Park and information in packets on details.

Fedell thanked all for coming out.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Goodin