



## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

### August 12, 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, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk  
Absent: None

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Hikade, support by Ederer to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 007/08/19 and accounts payable of \$206,624.31, \$9,177.52, \$887,439.29, \$36,052.36, \$26,872.01, \$64,743.87, \$4,200.00, \$18,388.79, \$641.77, \$104,859.52, \$84,250.52, \$375.64, \$1,572.00, \$290,150.43, \$919.25, \$1,878.54, \$41.17, and \$142.35. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

#### **RESERVED TIME**

Stephanie Zinn, Executive Director of Newaygo County Tourism Council, was present to give an update. She provided a handout to each Council Member and spoke about the Tourism Council's Objectives and Promotional Initiatives. Zinn discussed partners that the Tourism Council collaborates with and stated they are looking for additional partners and she hopes that Newaygo City Council would consider financial support to the Tourism Council in the future.

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

Ken DeLaat, County Commissioner, gave an update on County 911 Dispatch and stated that construction for the Dragon Trail will begin in September with a ground breaking ceremony at the end of September or first part of October.

Schneider, in absence of Scott Faulkner, discussed information in packets explaining various NEDO project updates. He stated that an IAmNewaygo Public Engagement Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at Marshall Park focusing on environment issues. Schneider gave an update on potential grant for pedestrian bridge being discussed and stated that a meeting with Rockford Construction and Christian Healthcare Centers is scheduled later in the week.

Mike Hikade, Newaygo Fire Board Member, gave a Fire Board update stating they are working to finalize purchase agreement policy and interviews for new Fire Chief will begin in coming weeks.

#### **CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

Schneider stated that bids were received for demolition of houses behind The Stream along Wood Street. He said that the museum was able to salvage some items from the houses. Schneider gave an update and showed slides on the progression of the Sewer Project and said he is working with GM Wood Products on complaints being received related to noise from new dust collector that they recently installed. Schneider stated an updated personnel policy will be coming to Council in next few months and discussed streets yet to be paved in coming weeks. He updated Council on Census 2020, discussed the future status of the Farmers Market and stated that the City sign

in front of City Hall is in bad shape. Schneider asked Council for design ideas. Incorporating a river theme was suggested. Consensus that sign ordinance need to be updated first.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Chief Andres stated that the Neighborhood Watch Party went well and things are good in the Police Department.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Hikade, support by Black to approve "Internet Purchase Exchange Location" sign to be placed in City Hall Parking Lot. AIF/MC Chief Andres stated that numerous citizens have contacted the Police Department about a designated area for internet purchase exchanges and she has a vendor that will donate the signage. Andres stated that the parking spot chosen will have 24 hour video surveillance.

Schneider and Council Members discussed exploring the option of changing the name of Southpark Ave. or South Park St. to help eliminate truck traffic getting lost looking for Magna Mirrors. Schneider stated he had spoken with City Attorney discussing steps that would be required to change one of the street names. Members discussed other problematic street names in the City. The City will begin communication with citizens that would potentially be affected should a street name change occur.

Motion by Black, support by Hikade to approve Application Template for Board/Committee Positions. AIF/MC Schneider stated this is a requirement for the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program and would only affect non-elected positions.

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

Motion by Hikade, support by Johnson to approve the use of Brooks Park for Wayne Kauffman to have a free BBQ, open to the public on Sunday, August 18th from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. AIF/MC

Motion by Johnson, support by Walerczyk to approve the date change for Emma Graham Color Run to now be held on Sunday, September 8, 2019. AIF/MC

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Johnson and Council Members discussed "time limited parking" in certain areas of the City during peak days.

Black asked about status of unmarked vehicle that was approved to be purchased at July meeting. Schneider stated vehicle should arrive in the next couple of weeks.

Hikade congratulated the Police and Fire Departments on success of Neighborhood Watch Party.

Schneider stated that Census workers may be canvassing neighborhoods in coming weeks to verify addresses.

Fedell thanked all for coming out.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Goodin