



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

November 11, 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 Walerczyk to approve the 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 10/14/19 and accounts payable of \$95,410.62, \$576,300.34, \$276,560.61, \$35,755.82, \$12,894.84, \$1,572.00, \$14,058.42, \$397.87, \$715.91, \$1,881.00, \$2,657.91, and \$500.00. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

Mike Helmer, Executive Director of Randy's House, was present and gave an update on Randy's House locations in Newaygo. He discussed staffing, new policies related to resident discharges, reduction in number of beds at each house and stated they are working with the Newaygo Police Department to give an update at upcoming Neighborhood Watch Meeting.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Scott Faulkner, Economic and Community Development Coordinator, discussed information in packets explaining various NEDO project updates. He spoke about Tree Initiative Grant that was received, gave an update on pedestrian suspension bridge project and grant opportunity for pedestrian suspension bridge.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider reminded Council Members of training opportunities available for them to attend and stated that MDOT is scheduled to hold a Public Open House on Thursday, December 12th at 5:00 pm to discuss proposed pilot studies to be done on M-37 between Quarterline and River Rd. in spring and early summer of 2020. Schneider spoke about discussions at previous meetings about a request from VFW Post 4249 for a donation from the City towards a Memorial at Newaygo High School which would add a Korea and Vietnam Veterans Memorial for those who had attended Newaygo High School.

Motion by Hikade, support by Ederer to approve donating \$500 to the VFW Post 4249 for the Memorial at Newaygo High School which would add a Korea and Vietnam Veterans Memorial for those who had attended Newaygo High School. AIF/MC

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Officer Dornbos stated that Chief Andres would be bringing amendment recommendations to current Smoking and Vaping Ordinance to a future meeting. He said Chief met with group working on bike path in Newaygo, and discussed no-shave fundraising efforts by Police Department with funds being donated to "Hope Project."

Officer Dornbos gave an update on River Country Chamber of Commerce and stated that volunteers are needed for Christmas Walk on December 6th and that Small Business Saturday is on November 30th. Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated they have been busy with the sewer project and will be working on Christmas Decorations in the next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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

Motion by Palmiter, support by Black to approve Sewer Change Order number seven at an increase of \$53,026 which includes: providing, installation and wiring of all electrical components for the Aeration Building and additional manhole rehabilitation. AIF/MC Schneider discussed handout in packet showing that the expenses of the Sewer System Project were currently (\$13,643) less than anticipated for the last few change orders.

Faulkner discussed "draft" Marketing and Branding Strategy that was included in packets and stated that this is a requirement for the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Program. He stated that a number of IAmNewaygo Public Engagements had been held and two of the main comments heard multiple times were related to protecting small town way of life and loving the Muskegon River. Faulkner said he is looking for input and suggestions and will be presenting to other boards for their input.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Ederer thanked Dornbos and Faulkner for information presented.

Walerczyk told Faulkner excellent work on Marketing and Branding Strategy.

Hikade told Faulkner good job on Marketing and Branding Strategy. He gave an update on Fire Board Meeting stating that they are reviewing wage increases, looking at staffing options during peak hours and getting estimates on rehabbing the grass truck.

Palmiter said he liked the Marketing and Branding Strategy and stated Randy's House update was very informative.

Johnson said he liked the Marketing and Branding Strategy, asked about MDOT plans for re-stripping M-37 Bridge and asked about keeping the sidewalks clear on M-37 Bridge during the Christmas Walk.

Black said he has enjoyed being on the Council and liked the Marketing and Branding Strategy Faulkner presented.

Goodin discussed draft 2020 meeting date sheet that was in packets and stated that the March 2020 Council date listed is the 3rd Monday of the month instead of 2nd Monday of the month. She stated that the Presidential Primary is scheduled for Tuesday after normal Council Meeting and it would be hard to set up and test equipment after Council Meeting to be ready on Election Day.

Schneider stated he is looking at wage study for positions at City Hall and commended the Police Department for work assisting residents and staff at Woodview Apartments during a fire. Letter from Woodview Management thanking Police Department was included in packets.

Fedell thanked all for coming out.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin