



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

February 10, 2020

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, Burns, Fedell, Hikade, Walerczyk
Absent: Ederer, Johnson

Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Black, support by Walerczyk to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 01/13/2020 and accounts payable of \$114,141.01, \$159,146.19, \$13,869.56, \$17,419.31, \$1,584.00, \$48,704.06, \$395.08, \$1,922.43, \$2,932.98 and \$46.95 Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Fedell, Hikade, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer, Johnson Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Scott Swinehart, representing the River Country Chamber of Commerce stated that the Home-Health & Garden Show is scheduled for April 18th and discussed Chamber open house scheduled for February 28th to celebrate Denise Anderson's retirement from the Chamber and welcome Rachael Peterlein and Jen Koopman to the Chamber.

Ken DeLaat, County Commissioner, gave an update on jail population, discussed challenges facing recycling in Newaygo County, and said the County had applied for a grant to expand the Veterans Service.

Scott Faulkner, Economic and Community Development Coordinator, discussed information in packets explaining various NEDO project updates. He discussed the restoration of four downtown Newaygo properties that are in process, gave an update on the status of the pedestrian bridge project and grant opportunity with MEDC, and gave an update on Christian Healthcare Centers. Faulkner stated that Sandmold is looking to sell their building and that he and Schneider are working with them to relocate their employees to The Stream. He said the next IAmNewaygo Public Engagement will be held on February 20th at 6:00 pm at The Stream and will focus on the pedestrian bridge and marketing and branding strategy.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider discussed information in packets from MML for spring and fall conferences if any Council Member is interested in attending.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Andres stated that crime rates are down in the City and things are going good in the Police Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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

Motion by Burns, support by Walerczyk to approve the revised Personnel Policy. AIF/MC Schneider stated that the Personnel Policy was discussed at January Council Meeting and that the City Attorney made a few minor adjustments to what was presented in January.

Motion by Hikade, support by Black to approve Resolution 2020-02 to rename South Park Street to Industrial Drive. AIF/MC Schneider stated that there has been a lot of confusion over the years with South Park Street and Park Street and that truck traffic is getting lost and ends up in residential area on Park Street instead of South Park Street. He stated that all property owners, except one, along South Park Street had signed petition for street name change.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeremiah Corrigan, 571 Cooper St., shared his thoughts about the Second Amendment Sanctuary and asked if the City would consider passing a Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolution. Council Members and Schneider discussed and Council Members recommended asking City Attorney for input.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Hikade discussed comments he read on social media and voiced his concern with impact that comments may have on City of Newaygo.

Black said he attended “Newly Elected Officials Training” and stated it was very worthwhile and would encourage everyone to attend.

Goodin reminded everyone that the Presidential Primary Election is on Tuesday, March 10th and that the March City Council Meeting is on Monday, March 16th.

Schneider said a lot of Economic Development currently happening in the City and that budget meetings with department heads are scheduled over the next two weeks.

Fedell thanked all for coming out.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin