



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

May 11, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fedell called the Newaygo City Council teleconference meeting to order at 7:00 PM. A teleconference meeting was held under the guidelines of Executive Order 2020-59 during the COVID-19 Virus.

Presiding officer: Mayor Fedell

Secretary: Clerk, Kim Goodin

Roll Call: Present: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk
Absent: None

Motion by Johnson, second by Ederer to approve the amended agenda adding "G2" Capital Improvement Plan. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Hikade, second by Black to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 03/16/2020 and accounts payable of \$106,353.79, \$40.00, \$11,000.00, \$487,927.94, \$13,488.61, \$15,428.24, \$26,818.06, \$139,351.86, \$22,926.82, \$4,244.47, \$1,587.00, \$298.41, \$12,940.02, \$46.57, and \$153.48 Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

Motion by Black, second by Burns at 7:05 pm to open public hearing to discuss and take comments on the proposed City budget and millage rate for fiscal year 2020-2021. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider went over the new budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 and discussed the highlights. He discussed Capital Improvement Plan and stated that amounts had been updated for future purchases. Schneider stated that millage rate was unchanged and remained at 17.75. Schneider answered questions from the Council. No comments or questions from public on budget or millage rate. Motion by Hikade, second by Black at 7:31 pm to close public hearing. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Scott Faulkner, Economic and Community Development Coordinator, discussed information in packets explaining various NEDO project updates. He stated that there are a few developers interested in the Sandmold building and property, gave an update on potential pedestrian bridge, gave an update on Christian Healthcare Centers and said that the Newaygo County Museum Project had been awarded to CopperRock Construction.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider and Council discussed State Executive Orders. Schneider stated that the City legal counsel had advised the City that they are not the appropriate entity that individuals or businesses should approach regarding questions related to State Executive Orders, but to encourage anyone that asks to contact their own legal counsel, contact local State Representative, State Attorney General Office or the Governor's Office. Schneider encouraged all Council Members to sign up for Nixle and discussed latest updates from Abby Watkins, Director of Newaygo County Emergency Services, related to COVID-19 virus.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, gave an update on the sewer project.

Chief Andres gave an update on law enforcement guidelines related to COVID-19 and stated that Boat Patrol would start Memorial Day weekend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Johnson, second by Burns to approve the Pandemic COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan allowing the City Manager to make necessary changes to the plan as needed, such as when circumstances change and new information is required or new guidelines are shared. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated that one of the Executive Orders requires the City to have a COVID Preparedness and Response Plan. Council asked questions and made suggestions in regards to plan. Schneider answered questions and noted necessary changes.

Motion by Hikade, second by Black to approve the release of a portion of easement next to the Newaygo County Museum at 12 Quarterline Rd. according to the legal description attached. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Johnson, second by Walerczyk to approve the updated License Agreement for Wisner Canoe to use Riverfront Park Phase II. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Fedell stated that the agreement was basically the same as last year. Rachel Wisner, owner of Wisner's Canoe Rental, was on the call. Wisner and Council discussed rate that Wisner pays annually for use of Riverfront Park Phase II, and Wisner gave an update on potential plans for her business related to COVID-19.

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

Motion by Hikade, second by Ederer to approve Sewer Project Change Order number eight. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Schneider discussed the 2019-2020 budget and stated that the budget is overall right where it should be and explained a couple of fluctuations.

Motion by Hikade, second by Burns to adopt Resolution 2020-04 which adopts the City Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Ederer, second by Black to approve Capital Improvement Plan. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Ederer, second by Burns to approve Resolution 2020-05 adopting the 2020-2021 City millage levy. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Hikade, second by Johnson to approve Resolution 2020-06 which adopts the Newaygo Area Fire District Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Ederer, second by Hikade to approve Resolution 2020-07 which sets the date and schedule of notice for the public hearing on the 2020-2021 fire protection special assessment roll. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Burns, second by Johnson to approve Resolution 2020-08 which approves the NCRA fiscal year budget for 2020-2021. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Johnson, second by Ederer to approve Resolution 2020-09 which exercises the City's right to exempt itself from the requirements of PA 152 of 2011 for coverage beginning 08/01/2020. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Hikade, second by Burns to approve invitation for bids for sale of vacant municipal property for W. Wood Properties. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated that due to City Charter the City must take bids on sale of any City owned property. He discussed "draft" purchase agreement included in packets and asked Council to review prior to next meeting.

Motion by Burns, second by Hikade to approve use of Attorney Grant Pecor with Barnes & Thornburg LLP for periodic personnel matters. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated that the City has used Attorney Grant Pecor for personnel matters in the past, but he had changed firms.

Motion by Johnson, second by Ederer to approve City Public Engagement Strategy. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Faulkner discussed the City Public Engagement Strategy and stated that this is a requirement to become a Redevelopment Ready Community. Motion by Burns, second by Ederer to approve request by River Country Chamber of Commerce to utilize Brooks Parks, vacant corner lot and vacant land behind The Stream on the 4th of July weekend to tentatively hold Memorial Day Festivities that were cancelled due to COVID-19, noting that the use of vacant land behind The Stream parking lot will be contingent on any sale transactions in place. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Scott Faulkner and Council discussed PSD Fees.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Black inquired about Farmers Market and Schneider stated that he had not heard any update.

Burns stated that she thought the meeting went well.

Ederer stated that Fedell and Schneider are always available for questions and he hopes that businesses can get back to work soon.

Johnson thanked Faulkner for work on Public Engagement Strategy and asked Schneider for an update on M-37 Pilot Program. Schneider gave an update on M-37 Pilot Program.

Walerczyk stated that meeting went very well.

Fedell thanked everyone for their participation.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin