



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

October 12, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fedell called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. The meeting was held at City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337 and via teleconference due to the COVID-19 Virus.

Presiding officer: Mayor Fedell

Secretary: Clerk, Kim Goodin

Roll Call: Present at City Hall: Burns, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk
Present via teleconference: Black, Ederer
Absent: Hikade

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to excuse absent members. AIF/MC

Motion by Johnson, second by Burns to approve the amended agenda adding "I" Sewer Change Order #11 and rearranging the order of the agenda. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 09/14/2020 and accounts payable of \$181,233.90, \$553,648.91, \$3,585.64, \$16,052.67, \$17,529.13, \$131,740.88, \$17,722.88, \$2,686.75, \$255.29, \$1,041.33, and \$1,331.79. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: Hikade Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

Schneider went over the budget in detail, discussed some highlights and explained some revenues and expenditures. He stated that the budget is overall right where it should be and explained a couple of fluctuations.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Scott Faulkner, Economic and Community Development Coordinator, discussed information in packets explaining various NEDO project updates. He discussed donations that were received from a former City resident for the museum project, Christian Healthcare Center project and River Country Chamber of Commerce. Faulkner stated that this individual will also be working on potential apartments by the United Church of Christ. He gave an update on the Christian Healthcare Center project and stated that the City had put out a RFP seeking proposals to assist with marketing and branding.

Richard Wolfork, Assistant Communications Director for Sandy Clarke, who is running for House Representative for the 100th District, was present. He discussed Clarke's background and gave an update on her goals should she win in the upcoming Election.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider stated that the Housing Task Force Committee recommended that the City set up a Housing Trust Fund. Schneider and Mayor Fedell described a Housing Trust Fund. Council discussed different programs available in the County at various non-profit organizations and banks, questioned if this would be a duplication of services already offered in the area, and discussed the additional work load of this type of project. The consensus of the Council was they did not feel a Housing Trust Fund was a proper fit for the City. Schneider gave updates on the potential NCATS Broadband and Expansion (Fiber Optics) Project and Open Meetings Act Legislation. He said

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that M-37 south of Quarterline Rd. had been restriped taking out the center turn lane for a 2nd Pilot Program approved by MDOT.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sgt. Walerczyk briefly discussed the Police Department Annual Report included in packets and stated that the complaints have decreased from the previous year which shows that the police department is doing a good job.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Schneider and Council discussed new Emergency Order from the State Department of Health and Human Services related to masks, social distancing and gatherings. Consensus of Council was that the City does not interpret or make recommendations on the order and any questions or complaints should be referred to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Motion by Johnson, second by Burns to approve Disc Golf Course design and authorization for construction noting that the design may change slightly. AIF/MC Faulkner and Schneider gave an update on: disc golf course layout, budget, and economic impact for the community. Faulkner gave an update on funding thus far and stated that he would be approaching TIFA next week requesting some funding to put towards the project. Schneider stated that the Planning Commission had approved recommending the project to City Council. Schneider explained that not much maintenance would be required for the course and that Faulkner is currently working on sponsorships.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Johnson to approve amended Newaygo Police Department Police Reserve Policy #19. AIF/MC

Motion by Johnson, second by Burns to approve Resolution 2020-19 establishing an escrow account for the purpose of receiving and holding deposits of money received from Insurers under the Department of Insurance and Financial Services Fire Insurance Withholding Program. Roll Call: Yeas: None Absent: Hikade Nay: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk. FAILED

Motion by Johnson, second by Walerczyk for tentative approval of Resolution 2020-21 granting a drainage easement to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for a portion of parcel number 62-19-19-105-001. AIF/MC Schneider stated that the City Attorney worked with MDOT on the language of the easement and was able to get MDOT to make some modifications.

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk for tentative approval of Resolution 2020-22 for the sale of Wood St. properties (Raiside) to Winnend LLC. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: Hikade Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated that the City Attorney reviewed the purchase agreement proposed with Winnend LLC, (connected with CopperRock Construction). Schneider gave an update on sale price, closing details and dates, property reversion clause, parking provisions, Walkability provisions and current recycling area that businesses utilize.

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

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to appoint the four members recommended on the MML Liability & Property Pool Board of Directors Election. AIF/MC

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to approve Sewer Project Change Order Number Eleven. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: Hikade Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider discussed various adjustments included in change order number eleven.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Members all stated glad to have in person meeting.

Schneider discussed thank you note from Ramona Deters, with the Farmers Market, that was included in packets.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to adjourn the meeting. AIF/MC

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin