



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

December 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fedell called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. The meeting was held at City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337 and via teleconference due to the MDHHS COVID-19 Emergency Order.

Presiding officer: Mayor Fedell

Secretary: Clerk, Kim Goodin

Roll Call: Present at City Hall: Black, Burns, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk
Present via teleconference: Ederer, Hikade
Absent: None

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to approve the amended agenda adding "E" Lift Station Easement with Magna and Signatory Approval allowing the Mayor, City Clerk and City Manager to sign documents under New Business. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 11/09/2020 and accounts payable of \$26,354.43, \$242,661.93, \$144,635.98, \$50,594.23, \$40,054.15, \$912.60, \$1,584.00, \$26,602.70, \$3,226.00, \$930.71, and \$10,401.21. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

The following Resolutions were also approved by consent agenda:

- A. Resolution 2020-24 setting the regular meeting dates for City Council for the 2021 calendar year
- B. Resolution 2020-25 reappointing Art Westcott for a four year term to the City Election Commission
- C. Resolution 2020-26 reappointing Jon Schneider for a four year term to the Building Authority Board
- D. Resolution 2020-27 reappointing Mike Burns for a four year term to the Newaygo Area District Library Board
- E. Resolution 2020-28 reappointing Dave Chambers and Robbin Faulkner for three year terms and appointing Denise DeVries until 12/31/2022 to the Planning Commission
- F. Resolution 2020-29 reappointing Chris Wren and Morgan Heinzman for four year terms to the TIFA/LDFA Board.
- G. Resolution 2020-30 reappointing Mark Brock and Donna Friar for three year terms to the Principal Shopping District Board.
- H. Resolution 2020-31 reappointing Del Hirdes, Matthew Boynton, and Ed Fedell for three year terms to the Newaygo Economic Development Organization Board

RESERVED TIME

Chief Andres stated that Officer Rood and Officer Passmore were each issued a Lifesaving Award, the highest honor within the Newaygo Police Department, for their quick response assisting an injured driver by performing CPR. She said that a presentation would occur once gathering restrictions were lifted.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Schneider discussed information in packets explaining various NEDO project updates. He said that Christian Healthcare Centers is working on the remainder of the funding for their project, and stated that half of the

funding was complete for the Disc Golf Course. Schneider stated that Third Coast Creative was hired to assist with Marketing and Branding for the City and initial ideas should be presented in January or February.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider discussed MML information in packets focusing on potential COVID-19 impacts to local governments due to Headlee and Proposal A. He discussed audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 that was included in packets. Schneider stated that a large amount of debt has been paid over the years and discussed the savings obtained by refinancing The Stream at a much lower interest rate. He said that the sewer project and façade project are close to completion.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated that they are working with the contractors for the sewer project to complete the project. He said he is busy working on end of year EGLE paperwork.

Chief Andres stated that a feasibility study with the Newaygo Fire Board related to growth and expansion options for the Police Department and Fire Department has been on hold due to COVID-19, but she is hopeful the study will begin in the spring of 2021. She said that the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission Standardized Accreditation for the Newaygo Police Department will be complete by June 2021.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Burns, second by Johnson to approve Board Procedures for virtual meetings. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider and Goodin discussed virtual meeting guidelines and procedures that was included in packets and required due to temporary changes to the Open Meetings Act due to COVID-19.

Motion by Black, second by Walerczyk to approve updated Zoning Fee Schedule. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated that it had been a number of years since the Zoning Fees had been adjusted and he discussed the rationale behind the few changes recommended.

Motion by Johnson, second by Black to approve Ordinance 2020-06 to rezone property on West Wood Street and to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Newaygo Zoning Ordinance. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider said this property is located along Wood St. behind The Stream and that the City had purchased three parcels over the last few years. He stated that CopperRock (under a different LLC called Winnend LLC) signed a Purchase Agreement with the City and had paid \$5,000 earnest money for the property and that they are planning to build a facility for Christian HealthCare Center. Schneider said that the current downtown business area and small area behind City hall are already zoned Community Business District (B-1) and that rezoning would be beneficial for future commercial businesses if the Christian HealthCare Center project does not come to fruition.

Motion by Johnson, second by Black to approve Sewer Project Change Order Number Twelve. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider discussed change order and stated they are working on final punch list with possibly one more change order yet to come.

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to approve Easement Agreement for Magna sewer lift station and utilities, and authorizing the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk to sign Easement Agreement and other necessary related documents. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated that Council had approved Easement Agreement for Magna sewer lift station and utilities in November, but this current agreement has minor changes per Magna Attorney.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

All Council Members wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year along with congratulating Officer Rood and Officer Passmore for receiving the Lifesaving Award.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin