



## MINUTES

### Special Meeting of Newaygo City Council

### February 23, 2021

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fedell called the special meeting to order at 12:00 PM. The meeting was held via teleconference due to the MDHHS COVID-19 Emergency Order.

Presiding officer: Mayor Fedell

Secretary: Clerk, Kim Goodin

Roll Call: Present via teleconference: Black, Burns, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk  
Absent: Ederer  
Also present via teleconference: Jon Schneider: City Manager, Kim Goodin: City Clerk, Ron Wight: DPW Superintendent

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

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve water system project estimated to cost approximately \$500,000, spanning from East St. to River St. under M37, and authorizes the Newaygo City Manager to approve/sign agreements, payments, and other relevant documents to accomplish the project. Motion includes approval of Sidock Group engineering proposal of \$35,000. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated that M37 Project, being done by MDOT, is scheduled to start on June 7<sup>th</sup> and be completed at the end of October. He said that the watermain replacement from City Hall to Muskegon River is already included in this project. Schneider discussed watermain break that had occurred on M37 hill a few weeks ago and said it was determined that this watermain is from the 1950's. Schneider stated that he spoke with MDOT about possibly replacing this watermain during the project this summer. Schneider stated that it is a tight timeframe, but MDOT is open-minded to adding this to the project if the City is able to get all of the engineering and costs secured soon. He said that the estimated cost is \$500,000 and would be pulled from various City funds if approved.

Motion by Hikade, second by Johnson to authorize the City Manager to sign a non-binding agreement with Baird to start discussions with financial institutions about the potential to re-finance the 2003 water and sewer debts. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated that the remaining term is 22 years, but financial advisors approached him and said financial institutions may be interested in refinancing at lower rates. Schneider explained that the process would be similar to the recent refinancing done for The Stream. He said that he should have more information at the March Council Meeting.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 PM.

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Goodin