



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

April 12, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fedell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held at City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337 and via teleconference due to local emergency order.

Presiding officer: Mayor Fedell

Secretary: Clerk, Kim Goodin

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular meeting council minutes from 03/08/2021 and accounts payable of \$29,183.62, \$516,368.33, \$33,407.00, \$40,019.71, \$31,803.02, \$12,502.03, \$93.36, and \$95.02. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer Nay: None.
CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

Schneider went over the budget in detail discussing revenue and expenditures. He discussed the watermain project budget and stated that it would be discussed at the upcoming TIFA Meeting. Schneider said that the budget is overall right where it should be and explained a couple of fluctuations.

Fedell stated that the Personnel Committee held its annual review process of the City Manager, Jon Schneider, and that the written meeting minutes were in the packets. Fedell thanked Schneider for all he does as City Manager. Johnson stated that Schneider does a great job and appreciates the transparency. Burns said that Schneider is doing a great job and appreciates him answering any questions she has. Schneider thanked the Council and stated that he is very grateful to work with the Council, City Boards and City Staff.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider gave an update on Christian Healthcare Center and stated that the Chamber continues to work on the Social Zone. He said that the M37 Rehab Project will begin on June 7th and is scheduled to be completed by the end of October. Schneider gave an update on River Hills Estates Phase 2 and River Run Phase 2 Apartments and Fedell gave an update on the museum project.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated that he has been busy working with MDOT engineers for watermain projects and with the engineers for River Hills Phase 2 Project.

Sgt. Walerczyk stated that they would have Police Reserves for the summer along with boat patrol.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to approve request by BKS Midwest, LLC to allow for a coffee shop (Biggby) with a drive-thru pick up window and a future tenant space with a drive-thru pick up window. AIF/MC Jeremy Scully, representing BKS Midwest, stated that they are open to suggestions for a second tenant and discussed the next steps and time line. Scully stated that Schneider has been wonderful to work with. Fedell said that the Planning Commission had recommended to Council the approval for a special land use to allow for a coffee shop (Biggby) with a drive-thru pick up window and a future tenant space with a drive-thru pick up window and did not have any contingencies.

Motion by Johnson, second by Burns to approve up to \$15,000 for the branding/logo items listed under Memorial Day Reveal List that was included in packets. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer Nay: None. CARRIED Cronk and Harrington from Third Coast Creative presented multiple options with the logo that Council had approved at the March Council Meeting. Council Members discussed: line between logo and tag line, color options, wording, and style of lettering. Council discussed banners, made suggestions on banner options, and said they want to have the banners located uptown and not just downtown. Schneider stated that the branding/logo proposal would probably double placing banners uptown and downtown. Cronk and Harrington plan to submit new banner designs based on Council suggestions and have available for the PSD Meeting later in the week.

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to approve Sewer Easement Agreement for sewer main under 95 W. Wood St. with Winnend LLC. AIF/MC

Motion by Black, second by Johnson to approve Police Mutual Aid Agreement. AIF/MC

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to approve Audit Proposal from Brickley DeLong. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated that the current agreement would be expiring soon and that the City is very happy with Brickley DeLong.

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve Section 3 Policy. AIF/MC Schneider stated that this policy is required by the State if receive grant funding.

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 2021-13 to purchase, acquire and construct capital improvements and to publish notice of intent to issue municipal securities. AIF/MC Schneider stated that the cost estimates for the watermain project from approximately River St. to East St. came in at about one million dollars. He said this Resolution allows for capital improvement bonds for the water system, storm system, and sewer system. Schneider discussed all parameters related to capital improvement bonds and that this Resolution allows the City to start the process.

Motion by Black, second by Johnson to approve Resolution 2021-09 to add Brooks Township Supervisor to the Public Safety Committee. AIF/MC

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to approve Resolution 2021-10 adopting Newaygo Area Fire District's Budget for FY 2021-2022. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Johnson, second by Black to approve Resolution 2021-11 which sets the date and schedule of notices for Public Hearing on the 2021-2022 Fire Protection Services Special Assessment Roll. AIF/MC

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 2021-12 to appoint Michael Burns to the Newaygo Fire District Board. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Ortwein, 6688 Carrigan Dr., stated that he has a contact with Consumers Energy in Public Relations if Schneider needs and said he would be setting up a time to meet with Schneider regarding watermain extension.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Burns voiced concern about property on Centerline with a lot of junk lying around, discussed crosswalk in front of The Stream, and asked about roadway in front of Leppinks.

Walerczyk thanked Schneider and said he is doing a great job.

Johnson thanked Schneider for his hard work.

Black thanked Schneider and said he is doing a good job.

Schneider thanked everyone for the kind words

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin