



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
September 13, 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.

Presiding officer: Mayor Fedell

Secretary: Clerk, Kim Goodin

Roll Call: Present: Black, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk
Absent: Burns, Ederer

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Black, second by Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular meeting council minutes from 08/09/2021 and accounts payable of \$46.42, \$26,256.74, \$362.12, \$158,862.10, \$100.00, \$4,159.69, \$18,597.40, \$1,216.62, \$14,489.54, \$2,340.00, \$19,682.52, \$523,778.46, \$56.01, \$2.14, \$1,206,863.87, \$1,614.41, \$503.90, \$216.00, and \$945.42. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk
Absent: Burns, Ederer None Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Scott Swinehart, representing the River Country Chamber of Commerce, was present and gave a brief update on the Social Zone and stated that he should have more information regarding the Social Zone after the next Chamber meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider stated that they have been working with the Police Department on perceptions and recently the majority of officers voted in favor of joining a union. He said that over the next few months the City, with assistance from the City Attorney, will be negotiating a contract. Schneider said that the Council will have to vote on the final contract. Schneider gave an update on the American Rescue Plan Funds stating that the City should receive half of the funds shortly and the other half in approximately a year. He discussed costs associated with trade marking the City's new logo and said that it will take at least a year and possibly two years to complete the process. Schneider said that the Health Department asked to utilize space at the City for a pop-up-clinic and consensus of Council was not to allow. He gave an update on Consent Agreement with EGLE that had been in place and was recently terminated because the City completed all of the necessary requirements. Schneider gave an update on museum, Christian Healthcare Center, and Disc Golf Course projects and stated that the 2022 canoe nationals will be held in Newaygo.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Police Department 2020 Annual Report was included in Council Packets. Mayor Fedell asked question about Newaygo K-9, Bella, which Chief Andres answered. Chief gave an update on Bella

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Black, second by Johnson to concur with MDOT letter presented to Council approving four lane configuration from River St. to Quarterline Rd. and the City will work on a plan addressing the visual distractions along M37. AIF/MC Schneider discussed MDOT letter stating that the four lane configuration will consist of two travel lanes and two parking lanes; a travel lane in each direction and parallel parking on both sides of the street. Schneider read paragraph in letter stating that a Garmin dash camera was lent to the Newaygo Fire District during the four lane configuration and it did not capture any footage showing rescue vehicles being impacted because of vehicles not being able to get out of the way. Schneider said he will work on plan being requested by MDOT.

Schneider discussed quote for rehab of downtown clock that was included in packets. Schneider, Council and Wight, DPW Superintendent, discussed quote and consensus was that the City wait to rehab the downtown clock until an issue arises.

Schneider stated that the City had approximately \$28,000 in endowment funds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin