



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
November 8, 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, Burns, Fedell, Johnson
Absent: Ederer, Walerczyk

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

Motion by Black, second by Johnson to approve the amended agenda adding “Approval of Closed Meeting Minutes from 10/11/2021” under Consent Agenda. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Burns, second by Black to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the council regular meeting minutes from 10/11/2021, closed meeting minutes from 10/11/2021 and accounts payable of \$41,842.67, \$126,528.05, \$19,598.73, \$12,838.06, \$1,584.00, \$13,751.99, \$5,206.60, \$1,873.96 and \$149.00. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Fedell, Johnson Absent: Ederer, Walerczyk Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider stated that the draft feasibility study was almost complete that will discuss options regarding growth for the police department. He gave an update on the M37 Rehab Project and discussed pavement markings. He gave an update on the watermain project and said they hope to have the project completed by Thanksgiving. Schneider said that the City is working on a tax appeal with Family Farm and Home and stated that the audit should be complete soon. He gave updates on Christian Healthcare Center, River Run Apartments, Biggby, and River Hills Estates Phase 2. Schneider discussed process related to trademark of City logo stating that it could take 1-2 years for the process to be complete.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, said that the DPW is trying to keep up with all of the projects and gave an update on the watermain project.

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve Ordinance 2021-05 which amends sections of Zoning Ordinance Chapter 14-Community Business District (B-1). AIF/MC Schneider stated that the Planning Commission had recommended approval of Ordinance 2021-05 to City Council. He said that one of the requirements from the Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) process is to make mixed use buildings easier to obtain, so a special land use permit for mixed use in the B-1 District will no longer be required, just site plan approval.

Motion by Burns, second by Johnson to approve Ordinance 2021-06 which amends sections of Zoning Ordinance Chapter 21-Special Land Uses. AIF/MC Schneider stated that the Planning Commission had recommended approval of Ordinance 2021-06 to City Council.

Motion by Johnson, second by Burns to approve Resolution 2021-31 extending the expiration date of Social District Designation. AIF/MC Schneider said that the original Resolution for Social District Designation expired in

February 2022 and that the Chamber is still working on the Social District. Resolution 2021-31 will extend the expiration date until February 2023, but it can be extended or revoked if necessary.

Schneider and Chief Andres discussed draft proposal that was included in packets to provide Code Enforcement to Brooks and Croton Townships. Chief said that the draft proposal is also being presented to Brooks and Croton Townships and she is looking for Council input and feedback on proposal. Council Members asked questions related to: Staffing levels, hours that each Township was looking for, and if City would remain top priority. Schneider stated that an additional staff member may need to be hired that was not a police officer. Chief discussed the shortage of police officers and said that many duties of the code enforcement could be completed by an individual that was not a police officer. She stated that Brooks Township is looking for approximately 16 hours of coverage a month and that Croton Township was probably looking for more than 16 hours a month. Chief explained how priority situations would be handled. Consensus of Council was to move forward with proposal to provide Code Enforcement to Brooks and Croton Township and bring back a final proposal/agreement to a future Council Meeting.

Motion by Johnson, second by Black to approve Principal Shopping District (PSD) Bylaws. AIF/MC Mayor Fedell said that the PSD Bylaws had been approved by the PSD Board at their last meeting, but also required approval from City Council.

Motion by Johnson, second by Burns to approve Planning Commission Bylaws. AIF/MC Mayor Fedell said that the Planning Commission Bylaws had been approved by the Planning Commission Board at their last meeting, but also required approval from City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Engemann thanked the police department for a quick response to a call he had made.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Johnson said he had invited Jim Engemann to the meeting as Jim may be interested in open board positions within the City.

Schneider said that a list of Board Positions that were expiring at the end of the year was included in packets and if anyone had any suggestions on individuals that may be interested to please let the Mayor or himself know. He discussed the \$1.2 Trillion Infrastructure Bill.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin