



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
December 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, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk
Absent: None

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

Motion by Ederer, second by Johnson to approve Resolution 2021-32 appointing Jim Engemann to City Council until 12/31/2022 to fill vacancy by Mike Hikade. AIF/MC

Goodin swore Engemann in as Council Member; he signed the oath book and joined the Council Members at front table.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Burns, second by Ederer to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the council regular meeting minutes from 11/08/2021 and accounts payable of \$30,839.32, \$15,943.18, \$16,036.58, \$13,811.72, \$38,654.61, \$11,576.62, \$3,890.61, \$4,532.53, \$679.92, and \$1,105.00. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Engemann, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

The following Resolutions were also approved by Consent Agenda:

- A. Resolution 2021-33 which sets the regular meeting dates for City Council for the 2022 calendar year
- B. Resolution 2021-34 which reappoints Bryce Cronk, Ed Fedell, Shelley Staeven and Kelly Tinkham to the TIFA/LDFA Board for four year terms
- C. Resolution 2021-35 which reappoints Greg Slominski and Jeff Nelson and appoints Robbin Faulkner to the PSD Board for three year terms
- D. Resolution 2021-36 which appoints Ed Fedell to the Board of Review until 12/31/2022
- E. Resolution 2021-37 which reappoints Jon Schneider and Jane Parsley to the NCRA Board for two year terms
- F. Resolution 2021-38 which reappoints Art Westcott and Sandy Williams for three year terms, reappoints Ed Fedell for a one year term and appoints Luke Francis for a three year term to the Planning Commission
- G. Resolution 2021-39 which reappoints Cory Nelson, Morgan Heinzman and Steven Radtke and appoints Luke Francis to the NEDO Board for three year terms

RESERVED TIME

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider stated that the City Financial Audit and Single Audit were included in packets. He said that both the Financial Audit and Single Audit went good and there were not any issues. Schneider said that the Single Audit was only required because the City received federal funds in excess of \$750,000 from grants and loans for the Façade Project and the Sewer Project. He gave an update on information and statistics he received at The Right Place 2022 Economic Outlook Meeting. Schneider said that he is working with the departments on staffing levels with the possibility of adding additional staff to the DPW and Police Departments. He discussed a

potential position that would include Economic Development and Zoning, but said he will probably wait on this position until the DPW and Police have additional staff in place allowing him to review the budget.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, said that the DPW has been very busy with Christmas Decorations, Christmas Walk, assisting with recent incidents at the schools, preparing for winter and auditing the M37 Project. He said that there are numerous punch list items that MDOT will need to complete in the spring. Schneider stated that the City received the final bill from MDOT and that Wight is currently reviewing each line item. Council Members asked questions related to: project costs affecting bonds, holding funds from MDOT invoice and specific questions related to residential yards where MDOT had done work, which Schneider and Wight answered.

Chief Andres said the Police Department participated in Shop with a Cop last week and said that the Christmas Walk went well. She stated that she was asked to be on the task force for Mental Health Awareness by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. Chief gave a high level overview of incidents that occurred last week at the schools. She discussed the Emergency Management Plan and explained the difference between Secure Mode and Lockdown.

BOARD BUSINESS

Chief Andres discussed the final results from the feasibility study, which was included in Council Packets, that was completed related to growth and expansion options for the Newaygo Police Department and Newaygo Fire Department. She said that the study results show that the community is open to options as long as the Police Department provides effective services. She said that they need additional space for evidence room, equipment, locker rooms and vehicle storage. Schneider said they have discussed keeping all public police functions downtown and expanding non-public police functions at the DPW site.

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals Bylaws. AIF/MC Schneider stated that the ZBA meets very rarely and the bylaws are very similar to all of the bylaws that have recently been approved with a few areas that are specific to Zoning Board of Appeals.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

All Council Members wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, welcomed Jim Engemann to the Council and complemented the Police and DPW departments for a great job with recent school incidents.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin