



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
April 11, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fedell called the meeting to order at 7:01 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, Ederer, Engemann, Fedell, Walerczyk

Absent: Burns, Johnson

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Black, second by Ederer to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the council regular meeting minutes from 03/14/2022 and accounts payable of \$220,094.61, \$15,776.41, \$22,880.88, \$36,189.00, \$36,189.65, \$1,573.18, \$119.89, \$100.00, and \$718.20. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Engemann, Fedell, Walerczyk
Absent: Burns, Johnson Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Kelly Rider, Executive Director of River Country Chamber of Commerce, was present and introduced herself and stated that she is replacing Colleen Lynema, who retired. Rider stated that Lynema will remain with the Chamber for a short time to finish special projects.

Fedell gave an update on potential Town Square Project that had been discussed at previous meetings. He said that funding for the building had been recommended by the TIFA Finance Sub-Committee. Fedell stated that a letter of intent to start negotiating had been submitted, by the City to the building owner, with contingencies related to property appraisal and environmental clearance.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider discussed graph included in packets that gave information related to City of Newaygo assessed and taxable values from 2001-2022. Schneider discussed request from a City resident that would like to install a fence around his house and on one side of the house he would like to place the fence over his property line in the road-right-of-way. Schneider said that he spoke with the City attorney and they recommend an agreement between the resident and the City if the City moves forward on the request. Schneider asked Council for their thoughts regarding this situation. Council and Schneider discussed: legal costs, how far fence would be in road-right-of-way, concerns of fence being in road-right-of-way, and location of water and sewer lines. Consensus of Council was to pursue an agreement, but the resident would have to pay legal fees. Schneider discussed letter that the City had received from Great Lakes Energy in regards to a franchise agreement to run broadband internet lines in the City and said that he will send agreement to legal counsel for review.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, said they have installed all the banners and have been busy cleaning areas in the City.

Schneider discussed banner locations.

Chief Andres stated that they have been busy and have recently solved a number of larceny cases.

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Black to keep the Republic Service Residential Contract the same as it currently is with no changes. AIF/MC Schneider discussed letter and request, included in packets, that he had received from Republic Services asking the City to approve a fuel surcharge dependent on the diesel prices. Council discussed sections of current agreement and impact any increase in pricing may have on residents. Council stated this feels like adding a tax to residents and they are not in favor of any price increases. It was stated that the contract expires at the end of 2023 and bids would be requested.

Motion by Ederer, second by Walerczyk to approve Magna Newaygo 6K Walk for Water. AIF/MC Schneider discussed information and map included in packets and stated that most of the route would be done on sidewalks. Schneider said that he would recommend they use non-permanent markings for route directions. Chief said that she did not have any concerns and suggested they have a sufficient amount of volunteers.

Schneider went over the budget in detail; discussed some highlights and explained some revenues and expenditures. He stated that the budget is overall right where it should be and explained a couple of fluctuations.

Motion by Black, second by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 2022-10 adopting revised fee schedule for Zoning and other Miscellaneous Items. AIF/MC Schneider discussed a few new fees and stated that many of the suggested increases in fees had not been changed in at least 20 years. Council had conversation regarding transient merchant and viscous dog ordinances.

Motion by Ederer, second by Black to approve Resolution 2022-06 which approves the NCRA Budget for fiscal year 2022-2023. AIF/MC

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Ederer to approve Resolution 2022-07 appointing Patty Goodman to the Newaygo Area District Library Board. AIF/MC

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Ederer to approve Resolution 2020-08 adopting Newaygo Area Fire District's Budget for FY 2022-2023. AIF/MC

Motion by Engemann, second by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 2022-09 setting the date and schedule of notices for Public Hearing on the 2022-2023 Fire Protection Services Special Assessment Roll. AIF/MC

Motion by Black, second by Ederer to approve Resolution 2022-11, a Performance Resolution for Municipalities required by Michigan Department of Transportation. AIF/MC Schneider stated that this a requirement from Michigan Department of Transportation and that a few small wording changes were made.

The Personnel Committee held its annual review process of City Manager, Jon Schneider, and written meeting minutes were in Council packets along with Schneider's goals and accomplishments. Fedell thanked Schneider for all he does and said he does a good job. Ederer said that Schneider is doing a good job. Engemann said he is impressed by Schneider's professionalism and knowledge. Schneider thanked the Council and stated he enjoys working with Council, City Board, and City Staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Black stated that he had received a number of negative comments regarding the new storage facility that is going to be built on Division and Industrial Dr. He wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Goodin stated that the County was having a free Parliamentarian Training on June 1st and said that the training is very worthwhile.

Schneider thanked everyone and said that he had sent an email to everyone for a tour and luncheon being held at Christian Healthcare Center.

Fedell thanked everyone for coming out.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin