



**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council**  
**October 10, 2022**

**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, DeVries, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk  
Absent: Engemann

Motion by Burns, second by Johnson 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 Burns, second by Black to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the council regular meeting minutes from 09/12/2022 and accounts payable of \$114,110.17, \$367,007.81, \$25,859.59, \$16,388.17, \$1,016,663.27, \$34,557.04, \$403.30, \$10,086.64, and \$1,438.78. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: Engemann Nay: None. CARRIED

**RESERVED TIME**

Julie Burrell, Economic Development Director, Newaygo County, was present and explained her role with The Right Place and Newaygo County. She discussed the mission and vision statements for Newaygo County Economic Development and explained the Newaygo County Economic Development Partnership Advisory Board. Burrell discussed Economic Development and why it matters, and spoke about upcoming opportunities being offered through The Right Place.

**COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS**

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Schneider said that he and the mayor are still working on the Town Square Project and that Coldwell Banker will be building a new office at 8158 Mason Dr. He discussed TIFA Façade Grant and said that he has had many inquiries and 1 application has been submitted.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, said that the sewer and water work on Jefferson St. has been completed. Officer Rood, Newaygo Public Schools Assigned Police Officer, was present and discussed Bi-Annual Report that was handed out to each Council Member. He said that he is a member of the Newaygo County School Safety Committee and they have recently re-evaluated response procedures and terminology for emergency situations. Officer Rood discussed the terminology being utilized in all Newaygo County Schools for emergency situations. He stated that Newaygo Public School Administrators and himself attended formal threat assessment training and formed a threat assessment team. Officer Rood gave an update on potential grant funding available for School Resource Officers.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve Special Land Use request by MAC, 103 W. Water St., to install a grain silo approximately 110' tall at a reduced setback of approximately 50'. AIF/MC Fedell stated that MAC had made this request and received approval in the past, but the permit expired as they had not started the installation of the grain silo due to the cost of steel. He said that the Planning Commission had recommended approval for the request.

Motion by Johnson, second by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 2022-24 appointing David Casey to the NEDO Board to fill a vacancy left by Del Hirdes. AIF/MC

Motion by Burns, second by Johnson to approve the Public Participation Plan that was included in packets. AIF/MC Schneider said that this was updated from the previous version and that the only significant change was the addition of the Communication Toolbox which listed engagement efforts. He said that the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) required this plan to be submitted for the City to receive RRC Essential Status.

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve the Training Strategy Plan that was included in packets. AIF/MC Schneider stated that this discussed how the City approaches training for City Boards, how they are funded, and goals for the future years. He said that the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) required this plan to be submitted for the City to receive RRC Essential Status.

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to approve Planning Commission Annual Report. AIF/MC Schneider said that the Annual Report, that was included in packets, gives an overview on Planning membership, meeting schedule, Master Plan status and what has occurred at the Planning Commission meetings during the past year. He stated that the Planning Commission had approved this Annual Report.

Motion by Johnson, second by Black to appoint the two members recommended on the MML Liability & Property Pool Board of Directors Election. AIF/MC

Schneider went over the budget stating that overall revenue and expenses are right where they should be and explained a couple of fluctuations.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Goodin