



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
November 14, 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, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk
Absent: Burns

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tim Liberty, Newaygo Trustee Representative of River Country Chamber of Commerce, was present and introduced himself.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Black, second by Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the council regular meeting minutes from 10/10/2022 and accounts payable of \$38,014.79, \$5,643.35, \$39,041.89, \$6,522.03, \$18,878.71, \$40,689.74, \$1,587.00, \$15,494.53, \$1,938.94, \$2,510.67, \$541.50, and \$4,009.30. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: Burns Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Tim Liberty, Newaygo Trustee Representative of River Country Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Chamber had three new board members and that they are focusing on more advocacies for businesses.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider gave updates on: water/sewer projects, new businesses coming to the City, businesses expanding in the City, TIFA Façade Program, City Hall kitchen sewer line, and replacement of Great Lakes Energy street lights. He stated that the City received "Essential Status" for Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and said that he is working on the easement for the City Welcome Sign.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Andres said that everything is going well in the Police Department and reminded everyone that the Christmas Walk is Friday, December 2nd.

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion by Johnson, second by Engemann to approve the rehab of the Powerhouse Building into an open air pavilion. AIF/MC Schneider showed pictures of the current Powerhouse Building and pictures of potential future options if the building was rehabbed into an open air pavilion. He said that he had recently toured the building and the building needs a new roof in the near future. Schneider discussed potential grant opportunities available and said that he will be working on the applications for the grants. Consensus of Council Members was that it is a good idea to preserve the building and keep the use as public recreation.

Mayor Fedell discussed Newwaygo Board Member Compensation Proposal that was included in packets. He said that he was just providing the information for Council to review and stated that Schneider is working with the City Attorney on clarification and options for Board Member Compensation. Fedell said that every City and Township is different in regards to compensation and compensation amounts. He said that once they receive options from the City Attorney, he will bring back to Council.

Schneider stated that the Planning Commission had recently discussed the “draft” Brooks Township Master Plan. Council discussed the section about commercial and industrial property in the “draft” plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michelle Root, a City resident, was present and asked questions about street lights and the traffic light at Quarterline and M37. She recommended a left turn light be installed for traffic turning left onto Quarterline Rd.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Engemann complimented the Newwaygo Police Department on providing training to the library staff. Black congratulated Council Members that were recently re-elected and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Fedell thanked everyone.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin