



**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council**  
**January 9, 2023**

**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, Engemann, Fedell  
Absent: Johnson, Walerczyk

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

Motion by Black, second by Burns 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 12/12/2022 and accounts payable of \$70,956.42, \$11,946.04, \$8,057.73, \$18,847.40, \$39,681.42, and \$1,228.63. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell Absent: Johnson, Walerczyk Nay: None.  
CARRIED

**RESERVED TIME**

**COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS**

Ken DeLaat, County Commissioner, gave an update on tree removal at Henning Park, Work Study being done at the County and discussed areas that the County is planning to utilize ARPA funds towards.

Rachael Porter, River Country Chamber, was present and said that they have finalized the 2023 Chamber Event Calendar and are always looking for volunteers.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Schneider discussed request from house at 413 S. Division St. that would like to utilize a separate building on their property for a Bed and Breakfast. Schneider said that currently the parcel at 413 S. Division St. is zoned R-1 which does not allow for this situation. He showed the Zoning Map of the parcels around her house and the adjacent parcel is zoned B-1 (Community Business District), which would allow for a Bed and Breakfast. Schneider said that one possible way to allow a Bed and Breakfast at this location would be to rezone the parcel at 413 S. Division St. to B-1. He said that the consensus of the Planning Commission Board was that they did not see a problem with rezoning this parcel to B-1. Schneider looking for Council thoughts and comments before proceeding through the rezoning process, which would eventually require approval from the Planning Commission and City Council.

Schneider gave updates on: potential town square project, Disc Golf Course, street lights, and the TIFA Façade Grant Program. He gave an update on the grants that the City has and will be applying for to potentially rehab the current powerhouse building. Schneider stated that Christian Healthcare Centers met their goal in 2022 and have approximately 500 members.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, said that with the mild weather, the DPW employees have been able to get other necessary projects completed.

Chief Andres gave an update on staffing and stated that our Code Enforcement Officer has started Zoning Administration Training. She said overall everything going well in the Police Department.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve special land use request by Mercury Broadband to allow for an outdoor storage area of supplies and equipment for build out of broadband internet infrastructure contingent that final design of water and sewer connections are approved by the City’s Department of Public Works. AIF/MC Fedell stated that the Special Land Use request had been approved at the Planning Commission meeting last week. Robb Lamer from Exxel Engineering Inc. was present and stated that Mercury Broadband is a provider of high speed internet and digital phone service. Lamer discussed the site plans for the building and said that the outdoor storage area would be enclosed by a chain link fence.

Motion by Burns, second by Engemann to approve Ordinance 2023-01 approving Franchise Agreement for Everstream GLC Holding Company LLC. AIF/MC Schneider stated that Everstream wants to run fiber optic lines through town similar to Great Lakes Energy.

Motion by Engemann, second by Black to approve Easement Agreement with 8158 S. Mason Drive: Parcel #62-18-25-230-027. AIF/MC Schneider stated that this is the first of four easements required to extend water and sewer to the new building located at 8158 S. Mason Drive.

Motion by Burns, second by Engemann to approve Resolution 2023-01 which approves the Blight Elimination Grant Application to stabilize the powerhouse building, approve matching funds, and designate an authorized official. AIF/MC

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve Resolution 2023-02 which gives the City permission to apply for annual parade permits to shut down M37 (MDOT State Highway). AIF/MC

Motion by Burns, second by DeVries to approve Resolution 2023-03 extending the expiration date of the Social District and Commons Area. AIF/MC Schneider stated that this will be the first summer of the Social District.

Motion by Black, second by Engemann to approve Resolution 2023-04 which appoints Kelly Tinkham to the City Election Commission. AIF/MC

Motion by Burns, second by DeVries to approve Resolution 2023-05 which reappoints Ed Fedell, Susan Gray and Wayne Fetterley to the Board of Review. AIF/MC

Motion by Burns, second by Black to approve Resolution 2023-06 which reappoints Ron Armstrong, Scott Faulkner and George Suchy to the Newaygo Economic Development Organization Board. AIF/MC

Motion by Engemann, second by Burns to approve 2023 Council Committee appointments from list included in packets. AIF/MC

Schneider stated that the audit for FY 21/22 was included in packets and there were no issues. Schneider said that the budget reflects six months of activity and discussed some highlights. He explained some revenues and expenditures and said that overall the budget is right where it should be.

Motion by Black, second by Burns at 7:58 pm to go into closed session to receive an update and discuss City Police Union Negotiations. AIF/MC Fedell asked Jon Schneider, City Manager, Kim Goodin, City Clerk, and Chief of Police Andres to join the closed session.

Motion by Black, second by Burns at 8:22 pm to reconvene and go back into open session. AIF/MC

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Burns inquired about street lights that are not working. Schneider gave information as to how to report street light outages to Consumers Energy.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Goodin