



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
May 8, 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, Johnson, Walerczyk
Absent: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Engemann, second by Burns to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the council regular meeting minutes from 04/10/2023 adding the word “awareness” after autism under City Managers report and approval of accounts payable of \$30,113.79, \$22,674.60, \$30,273.00, \$19,120.60, \$16,525.66, \$250,440.02, \$14,757.07, \$1,584.00, \$157.62 and \$1,253.31. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Ken DeLaat, County Commissioner, stated that the County is beginning to work on the budget for next fiscal year and said that they will be utilizing a portion of ARPA funds for jail renovations. He said that the County entered an agreement with Hesperia to police the village.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider said that Brooks Township was contracting with American Classic for their annual clean-up days on June 23rd and June 24th stating that the clean-up days would be held at the American Classic location on State Rd. in the City of Newaygo. Schneider stated that the Brooks Township Supervisor had contacted him and asked for any thoughts to help alleviate City of Newaygo residents trying to bring items to the Brooks Township clean-up days. Schneider and Council discussed Brooks Township Supervisors question and discussed the City’s monthly bulk item pick up program with Republic Services. Schneider gave an update on collaboration between the City and Brooks Township to fund a study/hire a consultant to examine community public safety needs. He gave updates on the Powerhouse Building, TIFA Facade Grant Program, River Run Apartments on M82 and NCATS fiber optic being installed at County libraries. Schneider discussed a potential service road that would be behind the businesses that are on the West side of Mason Drive between East St. and Cooperative Drive. Schneider and Fedell gave an update on the possibility of expanding the social zone by eliminating the loading zone areas in the south parking lot downtown and Schneider stated that TIFA had recently approved funding for this project.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, gave updates on the water and sewer projects on Brooks St. and Mason Dr. by Burger King. He said that Newaygo High School kids had recently done a clean-up day in the City. Chief Andres stated that the Police Department has been very busy and said that the Code Enforcement Officer has started property maintenance rental inspections.

BOARD BUSINESS

Pamela Morgan representing Trinity Fellowship Church (53 E 88th St.) was present and asked questions about renting Brooks Park for approximately two hours for three days to hold a kids vacation bible study. Morgan said that she was unsure the number of kids that would attend and said they planned to advertise by displaying information at the school summer lunch program. Fedell stated that if there are a low number of people and no signs are put up along the roads that Brooks Park could be utilized on a first come first serve basis, but others are allowed in the park at the same time. Fedell said that according to the City Park Rental Agreement if the church wanted to rent Brooks Park for three days that they would be required to pay a rental fee for each day as they are located outside of the City stating that they would get the City Resident rate because they are a non-profit organization. Fedell said that if the church decided to utilize Brooks Park on first come first serve basis and had a large turnout of people that it may have to be re-evaluated before they held any future events in Brooks Park.

Motion by Burns, second by Engemann to approve License Agreement for Wisner Canoe to use Riverfront Park Phase II. AIF/MC Schneider stated that the only change to the agreement was the dates and a 3% increase in the lease agreement amount per agreement terms.

Motion by Johnson, second by Walerczyk to open public hearing at 7:37 pm to discuss and take comments on W. Wood St. Water Main Potential Project and Water Service Line Potential Project. AIF/MC Schneider discussed the need and details for the Wood St. Water Main Project and the need for the Water Service Line Project which is a requirement by the State. He discussed each project and cost breakdown of each project in detail and discussed alternatives for each project with costs associated with each option. Schneider discussed the project financing and costs to users for each project including the proposed method of project financing and estimated monthly debt retirement and the proposed annual and monthly charge to the typical residential customer. Schneider discussed a potential schedule for design and construction for each project. He spoke about environmental and public health impacts for each option and the measures that would be taken to mitigate adverse impacts. Schneider stated that the Resolution on the agenda was to adopt this final Project Planning document for Water System Improvement for Water Service Lines, West Wood Street Water Main and to designate an authorized Project Representative. Council Member asked if the City would know if eligible for loan forgiveness prior to final submission of loan to the State and Schneider said that yes, the City would know that prior to any final decision. There were no other Council or public comments or questions. Motion by Johnson, second by Black to close public hearing at 7:46 pm.

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 2023-17 to adopt the final Project Planning Document for Water System Improvements for Water Service Lines, West Wood Street Water Main and to designate an authorized Project Representative. AIF/MC

Motion by Black, second by Johnson to open public hearing at 7:48 pm to discuss and take comments on the proposed City Budget and millage rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. AIF/MC Schneider went through the proposed budget for FY 2023-2024 and discussed the highlights. He stated that the millage rate was unchanged and remained at 17.75. Schneider answered questions from Council related to Electric Vehicles impact on street funding and purchasing options related to supplies for treatment of the sewer system. No comments or questions from public on budget or millage rate. Motion by Johnson, second by Burns to close public hearing at 8:15 pm. AIF/MC

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve Resolution 2023-18 adopting the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. AIF/MC

Motion by Engemann, second by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 2023-19 adopting the 2023-2024 City Millage Levy. AIF/MC

Motion by Burns, second by Johnson to approve Resolution 2023-20 to amend the 2022-2023 TIFA Budget. AIF/MC Schneider stated that TIFA had reviewed and approved budget amendments at their recent meeting.

Motion by Johnson, second by Walerczyk to open public hearing at 8:16 pm to discuss and take comments on the Fire District Special Assessment Roll. AIF/MC Schneider stated that the Fire District Special Assessment Roll was included in packets and that the 1.91962 millage rate was very similar to last year's millage rate. No comments or questions from the Council or public. Motion by Johnson, second by Black to close public hearing. AIF/MC

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 2023-21 which establishes the funding level of 1.91962 mills for the Newaygo Area Fire District for Fiscal year 2023-2024. AIF/MC

Motion by DeVries, second by Burns to approve Resolution 2023-22 confirming special assessment roll, establishing lien and providing for the payment and collection of special assessments for Fire District Board . AIF/MC

Motion by Black, second by DeVries to approve Traffic Control Order Number 202. AIF/MC Fedell stated that there were a few minor changes to the Traffic Control Order relating to the South Parking lot behind The Stream building at 1 State Rd. Council discussed parking along M37.

Motion by Johnson, second by Black to approve request by Newaygo Public Schools Band for the use of Brooks Park to have a band concert in the park on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm and to have a food truck for their event. AIF/MC

Motion by Johnson, second by Walerczyk to approve request by Newaygo Public Schools for the use of Brooks Park to serve free lunches from June 12, 2023 through August 10, 2023 on Monday thru Thursdays from 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member comments related to: how nice City looks and purchase of new School Resource Officer Vehicle. Goodin reminded Council that there are 2 meetings in June on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM. AIF/MC

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin