



**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council**  
**June 12, 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 Burns, second by Walerczyk to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the council regular meeting minutes from 05/08/2023 and approval of accounts payable of \$26,879.63, \$21,077.89, \$98,922.34, \$13,174.69, \$40,687.44, \$24.52, \$54,045.43, \$3,200.53, \$1,092.59 and \$630.23. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

**RESERVED TIME**

**COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS**

Fire Chief Otteren stated that they have been very busy and have had 236 calls for the year.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Schneider said that bids for the Powerhouse Building Roof had been taken and that the bid was awarded to American Classic. He discussed approximate time line (July & August) of the roof project and said that the Riverfront Trail would be closed in that area while the new roof was being installed. 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 and said that an RFP had recently been sent out for bids for those consultants that may be potentially interested in this study. He discussed Developer Day that will be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and gave information should anyone be interested in attending. Schneider gave an update on the potential Town Square Project stating that the environmental studies were recently completed for the property at 8 W. State Rd. and that he has reached out to the owner of the property for next steps. He gave an update on elimination of loading zones in the South parking lot that had been approved by PSD and said that the final plans will come to a future Council meeting for approval. Schneider gave an update on the City Ordinance related to lawn maintenance and said that the City is enforcing the Ordinance the same as always and that the only change is that a notice was posted in the paper, outside City Hall, and on the City website that notifies residents that if they are non-compliant with the Ordinance that the City will have a vendor mow the residents property. He said that the City will invoice the resident for the mowing expense and stated that the residents have been warned prior to a vendor being hired to mow their property. Schneider discussed current and previous year taxable values of municipalities in the County and said that the City had increased approximately 11.64% because of new development in the City. He said that the City is getting bids to paint the hallway and is planning to paint the hallway the same color as Council Chambers. Schneider said that at a future Council meeting he would like to discuss thoughts regarding changing the restrooms at The Stream and the City to unisex restrooms and asked Council to think about it. Schneider asked Council for their thoughts on the color of roof for the Powerhouse Building and the consensus of Council was that the color of the roof and downspouts should be a neutral standard color such as light brown, tan or gray.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Sgt. Walerczyk stated that Kids Day went very well and that boat training had been completed last week. On behalf of Chief Andres, Schneider gave an update on a few new potential officer hires in the police department. He said that Chief has interviews scheduled in the coming month.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 2023-23 to establish a request for funding, designate an agent, attest to the existence of funds and commit to implementing a maintenance program for asphalt resurfacing the portion of Croton Road in the City funded by the Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program. AIF/MC Schneider stated that the City had applied for a grant similar to this previously and did not receive the grant.

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve Love Inc. Community Walk on Sunday, October 1, 2023. AIF/MC Schneider stated that the information and map for the potential walk were included in packets.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Gail Carter, 127 W. Pine Lake Dr., asked about curbs in the South Parking lot and curbs in the City Hall parking lot which Schneider answered.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Council members and Schneider discussed trash in the park area on Brooks Street. Schneider gave an update on the building at 18 State Rd.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM. AIF/MC

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Goodin