



**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council**  
**June 26, 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, Walerczyk  
Absent: Johnson

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A community member expressed her concern for the potential event being held in Brooks Park on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 that she saw being promoted.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve the Consent Agenda which includes amending the council regular meeting minutes from 06/12/2023 and approval of accounts payable of \$33,451.19, \$17,277.71, \$2,968.11 and \$1,361.19. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Walerczyk Absent: Johnson Nay: None.  
CARRIED

**RESERVED TIME**

**COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS**

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Schneider said that Developers Day was held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> stating that it was very successful and he had a few developers reach out to him after the meeting.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Motion by Fedell, second by Burns to approve request by Jennifer Braman, Illuminate Counseling & Wellness, for the use of Brooks Park for a Community Gathering-Pride Day Event on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 from 6:30 pm-9:00 pm and to have 2 food trucks for the event with the following conditions:

- No chalk art is allowed on City property including, but not limited to, sidewalks, buildings, or parking lots.
- No parades
- No drugs, alcohol, or nudity
- Signs/displays and food truck activity/vending are restricted to the time period of the event
- City must list all stipulations on permit and include copy of Ordinance Sections 42-156 to 42-158 when approved permit is emailed to applicant

Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Fedell, Walerczyk Absent: Johnson Nay: DeVries, Engemann CARRIED Fedell said that the request is for park rental of Brooks Park and that Council Members are voting on park rental and ensuring compliance with park ordinances, stating that Council can make sure that the organizers of the event are

aware of the City Ordinances and need to stay within the parameters of the City Ordinances. Schneider stated that he consulted with the City Attorney on City park rentals and that the Attorney stated that all park rentals should be handled consistently and that Council could set reasonable stipulations for any City park rental. A few Council Members voiced their concerns and all Council Members discussed the following:

- Concern with the short time frame before the event that the application was submitted
- Concerns with information presented to Council, not from event organizers, about the event
- Previous requests from organizations to promote something throughout the City that were denied and how that is different from park rental
- Restroom availability for event
- Park Ordinances
- Lack of representative, at the Council meeting, from applicant requesting park rental
- If information was portrayed adequately in application

Schneider went over the budget and proposed budget amendments in detail. He discussed some highlights, explained some revenue and expenditures and discussed a couple of fluctuations.

Motion by Burns, second by Engemann to approve Resolution 2023-24 to amend the City Budget for fiscal year 2022-2023. AIF/MC

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve the elimination of Loading Zones/Expansion of Social District in the South Parking lot. AIF/MC Fedell stated that the PSD had approved this at a previous meeting and that TIFA had approved funding for this project. He said that the details of this project had been discussed at the past few Council Meetings.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A community member stated that she appreciated Council discussion and stipulations that were made for the Park Rental on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Black voiced his concerns with park rental request for June 28<sup>th</sup> and his difficulty on voting on the matter.

Schneider recommended people get involved at the State and Federal level as feels concerning legislation being proposed.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. AIF/MC

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Goodin