



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
August 14, 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, Engemann (arrived at 7:02 pm), Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk
Absent: DeVries

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the council regular meeting minutes from 07/10/2023 and approval of accounts payable of \$18,572.12, \$28,377.53, \$239,062.17, \$30,521.43, \$166.00, \$7,615.49, \$6,760.63, \$58,444.69, \$237,002.80, \$1,575.00, \$130,896.04, \$1,825.22, \$1,594.16, \$135.00, and \$2,125.00. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Engemann, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: DeVries Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Ken DeLaat, County Commissioner, was unable to attend the meeting, but submitted a written update to the mayor which was distributed to each Council Member.

Newaygo District Fire Chief Otteren said that they have been very busy and reminded everyone that the Fire District Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, September 2nd at the Fire Barn.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion by Johnson, second by Black at 7:05 pm to open public hearing to discuss and take comment to consider the establishment of an Industrial Development District (IDD) in the City's Industrial Park for parcel # 62-19-19-400-015 (579 S. Industrial Drive). AIF/MC Fedell stated that GM Wood Products had purchased the building at 579 S. Industrial Drive and they may expand in the future. He said that should GM Wood Products decide to expand in the future that establishing an IDD allows them the opportunity to apply for a tax abatement. Council Member said nice to see the expansion in the community. Motion by Black, second by Burns at 7:07 pm to close the public hearing. AIF/MC

Motion by Johnson, second by Engemann to approve Resolution 2023-27 which establishes an Industrial Development District for parcel # 62-19-19-400-015. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Engemann, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: DeVries Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Engemann, second by Johnson to approve utilizing McGrath Consulting Group for the Public Safety Services Study. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Engemann, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: DeVries Nay: None. CARRIED Fedell said that the City had approved contributing up to \$25,000 to study/hire a consultant to

examine community public safety needs in conjunction with Brooks Township at the April Council Meeting and that Brooks Township will also have to approve the use of McGrath Consulting Group. Fedell said that three (3) bids had been received stating the McGrath was the lowest bid and the only contractor that would not sub-contract work out.

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve the Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting Notice. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Johnson inquired about the land and stairs behind the Newaygo Elementary School and asked if the City should look into acquiring that land to possibly be used for a stage area/entertainment space, in the future, enhancing the Social Zone.

Black said that there has been an increase in semi-truck traffic on Quarterline and Division St. and is concerned with the safety of kids as school will be resuming soon.

Goodin gave an update on Early Voting Requirements based on the passage of Proposal 2022-2. She said that Early Voting would be required for State and Federal Elections and would have to be available for 8 hours a day for 9 days prior to the Election. Goodin recommended that the City partner with Newaygo County on Early Voting.

Fedell stated that the closing to purchase the building located at 8 W. State Rd. had been scheduled for August 24th.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM. AIF/MC

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin