



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
September 11, 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, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Johnson

Absent: Burns, Walerczyk

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

Motion by Johnson, second by Black to approve the amended agenda adding item "E"-Request by Newaygo Library to utilize Brooks Park for a Solar Eclipse Viewing Event and have no more than two (2) food trucks on Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ramona Deters, representing the Newaygo Farmers Market, gave an update on the Newaygo Farmers Market season and stated that Friday, September 15th would be the last day of the Farmers Market for 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Black, second by Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the council regular meeting minutes from 08/14/2023 and approval of accounts payable of \$1,195.00, \$159,932.26, \$5,810.62, \$33,496.98, \$638.94, \$2,753.26, \$170,586.45, \$272,589.77, \$38,646.85, \$14,782.11, \$567,086.11, \$1,604,771.42, \$4,316.33, and \$300.00. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Johnson Absent: Burns, Walerczyk Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider gave updates on new businesses in the City and stated that GM Wood Products had purchased the building at 579 S. Industrial Dr. He stated that the City had recently closed on the purchase of 8 State Rd. and said that work had started on the new roof at the Powerhouse Building. Schneider gave updates on the Disc Golf Course and stated that McGrath Consulting Group had been awarded the bid for the Public Safety Study. He said that the sidewalk display/sales policy is being reviewed and stated that the City website address had recently changed to newaygo.gov.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Schneider said that the Annual Police Report and the School Resource Police Officer Bi-Annual Report were handed out before the meeting for all to review prior to the October Meeting should they have any questions. He said that the Chief and School Resource Officer were currently attending township meetings to discuss the reports and cost projections for the School Resource Officer.

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated that the loader had recently been refurbished and that the department was busy preparing all equipment for the winter months.

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion by Black, second by Engemann to approve Resolution 2023-28 to approve bid by Fishbeck for Design Work to upgrade the M82 Sewer Lift Station. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Johnson Absent: Burns, Walerczyk Nay: None. CARRIED Fedell stated that two (2) bids had been received.

Motion by Johnson, second by Black to approve the School Resource Officer Agreement with Newaygo Public Schools. AIF/MC Schneider said that this agreement is the similar to the one for the current School Resource Officer (SRO). He stated that Newaygo Public School had received a three (3) year grant for an additional SRO to be located at the Newaygo Middle School and this new position would be funded by the grant.

Schneider and Council discussed the possibility of local businesses utilizing the City Logo on marketing items and possibly with their business name. Discussion included: application/agreement between the City and business, requiring a sample of proposed use by business, and application/agreement fees. Schneider said that he will work on a draft agreement and rules and will bring back to a future Council meeting.

Motion by Engemann, second by Black to approve the Early Voting Agreement for Election Services between the City and Newaygo County. AIF/MC Early Voting had been discussed in detail at the August Council Meeting. Goodin stated that Early Voting would not affect the process on Election Day. She said that collaborating with the County will be a cost savings for the City.

Motion by Johnson, second by Engemann to approve the request by the Newaygo Area District Library for the use of Brooks Park for a Solar Eclipse Viewing Event and to have no more than two (2) food trucks on Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Johnson discussed 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. He suggested that the idea be explored in the City’s Master Plan and said that he had conversations with the Chamber and a few business owners that thought this was a good idea.

Goodin said that there would be an Election on November 7th and the Early Voting would not be in place for this Election.

Motion by Johnson, second by Engemann to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. AIF/MC

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin