



**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council**  
**April 8, 2024**

**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 Burns, second by Johnson to approve amended agenda adding “April Pickard” under Reserved Time.  
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 03/11/2024, approval of accounts payable of \$29,694.38, \$314,975.16, \$57,780.85, \$30,837.96, \$13,933.07, \$74,065.15, and \$157.54. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk  
Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

**RESERVED TIME**

April Pickard was present and introduced herself as a candidate for Newaygo County Clerk.

**COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS**

Newaygo Fire District Chief Otteren stated that the Public Safety Study was complete and that they have been very busy.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Schneider discussed M-37 bridge lighting and said that cost is approximately \$2000/head to upgrade bulbs to LED. Consumers Energy will replace/upgrade lights to LED for free as they burn out. Recommend letting Consumers Energy upgrade bulbs as they burn out to save the City money. Schneider stated that NPS Students are interested in painting various sections of the Skate Park during United Clean-up Day. Council discussed their thoughts, ideas and concerns with painting the Skate Park and Schneider stated that he will get additional information and bring back to a future Council Meeting.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated they recently completed flushing the sewer lines in the City.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Motion by Johnson, second by Walerczyk to approve the Newaygo County Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response Mutual Aid Agreement. AIF/MC Chief Andres said that there was not any change to the content, but changes to individuals in certain positions.

Motion by Johnson, second by DeVries to approve Resolution 2024-22 to purchase, acquire, and construct capital improvements and to publish notice of intent to issue Municipal Securities for funding of the Wood St. Water Main Project. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Engemann, second by Black to approve Resolution 2024-23 which approves the NCRA Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Fedell stated that the City contribution to NCRA has not changed for the FY 2024-2025.

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve the contract between the City of Newaygo and Rieth-Riley for the asphalt resurfacing along Croton Rd from M-37 to the east City limits. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated that he was able to secure a grant to pay for approximately ½ of the resurfacing project.

Schneider stated that the Public Safety Study was complete and that the entire study had been emailed to all Council Members and that a copy of the Executive Summary was included in their packets. He discussed the highlights of the study and said that he is working with the consultant that did the study to arrange a time for him to come to Newaygo and present study results to Council, Brooks Township Board, Fire District Board, and the Public Safety Committee.

Schneider went over the budget in detail; discussed some highlights and explained some revenue and expenditures. Newaygo Public Schools Superintendent, Ben Gilpin, was present and discussed the upcoming School Bond Proposal Election on May 7, 2024.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM. AIF/MC

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Goodin