



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
July 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, Fedell, Walerczyk

Absent: Engemann

Motion by Burns, second by Black to excuse absent member. AIF/MC

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to approve the amended agenda adding “Adam Mercer” under Reserved Time and adding item “G-Military Rights in Brooks Park” under Board Business. AIF/MC

Motion by Burns, second by DeVries to approve Resolution 2024-36 appointing Delores Golliver to the City Council until 12/31/2024 to fill vacancy. AIF/MC

Goodin swore Golliver in as Council Member; Golliver signed the oath book and joined the Council Members at the front table.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donna Friar, owner of 47 N. State Rd. was present and handed out a statement to each Council Member that she read regarding parking by her building along Wood St. She said that currently she has 4 tenants, with a total of 4 vehicles, residing at her building and they currently park on Wood St. next to her building. The Mayor stated that the parking on Wood Street, which she is referring to, is posted for “customer parking only” and City tenant parking for businesses on the North side of M37 is located in the large parking lot behind the businesses. Friar said that she was recently told that her tenant vehicles could not continue to park along Wood Street, but must park in the tenant parking in the big parking lot. The Mayor and Chief Andres said that the buildings next to 48 State Rd. along Wood St. had been vacant for a few years and they had allowed her tenants to park in this area, but the buildings now have businesses in them and they have complained about a lack of customer parking. Schneider said that the Zoning Compliance Permit that Friar had submitted for 47 N. State Rd. in 2020 for building change of use from retail and a salon to a small retail space with residential apartments indicated that tenants would park in the large parking lot. Chief Andres said that tickets would be issued if tenant vehicles continued to park on Wood St. and she asked Friar to come to the City and speak with her and the Code Enforcement Officer to discuss parking options.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Council regular meeting minutes from 06/24/2024 and approval of accounts payable of \$207,784.13, \$24,394.41, \$119,217.78, \$127.52, 250.00 and \$3,812.00. AIF/MC

RESERVED TIME

Adam Mercer was present and introduced himself as a candidate for Newaygo County Sheriff.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider discussed information included in packets about municipal expenditures. He said that local government units may expend public funds for a public purpose that is authorized by law and gave specific examples of allowable and non-allowable expenditures.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, gave updates on various paving and tree trimming projects that have recently been completed.

Chief Andres distributed the School Resource Police Officer Bi-Annual Report and said that if anyone has any questions after reviewing the report to contact her. She discussed the “customer parking only” signs along Wood St. stating that the signs have been there for years.

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion by Burns, second by DeVries to approve Resolution 2024-37 to award contract, approve amount and designate authorized agent for the Loading Zone Project. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Fedell, Golliver, Walerczyk Absent: Engemann Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated that the bids received for the loading zone project were higher than budgeted. He said that at the upcoming TIFA meeting he plans to discuss the possibility of shifting funds from the approved service line and water projects to the loading zone project as the service line and water project bids came in lower than budgeted.

Motion by Black, second by Walerczyk to approve request by Wayne Kauffman for the use of Brooks Park to have a Community Free BBQ on Sunday, August 18, 2024 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. AIF/MC Fedell stated that Kauffman held this event each year and that there had not been any issues.

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve Ordinance 2024-03 amending and supplementing City Ordinances to authorize issuance of additional Water Supply System Junior Lien Revenue Bonds. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Fedell, Golliver, Walerczyk Absent: Engemann Nay: None CARRIED Schneider stated that the bids for the service line and Wood St water projects came in lower than anticipated.

Motion by Burns, second by DeVries to approve Traffic Order #207. (Content of traffic order approved correct, but error in printing of traffic order number as traffic number listed was #207, but should have been traffic order #209) AIF/MC

Motion by Black, second by DeVries to approve Traffic order #208. AIF/MC

Motion by Burns, second by Black to approve the members recommended on the MML Workers’ Compensation Fund to serve as trustee to the MML Workers’ Compensation Fund Board. AIF/MC

Motion by Fedell, second by Black to allow Military Rights to be held in Brooks Park on July 11, 2024 for approximately 10-15 minutes during a Celebration of Life Ceremony that will be held at the museum on July 11, 2024 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board Members from AYSO discussed recent damage that was done by a vehicle on the soccer fields and said they appreciated the City’s support and were willing to work with the City on future preventative measures.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member comments were related to: wire hanging on Quarterline St. and the possibility of sidewalks from River Hills Court to the City of Newaygo.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. AIF/MC

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin