



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
August 12, 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, Golliver, Walerczyk
Absent: None

Motion by Burns, second by DeVries to approve the amended agenda adding item “G-Grant Agreement between the City and EGLE” under Board Business. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve the Consent Agenda which includes amending the Council regular meeting minutes from 07/08/2024 changing the name from “DeVries to Golliver being sworn in and signing the oath book” and approval of accounts payable of \$41,975.81, \$32,499.29, \$28,046.98, \$145,016.45, \$2,097.17, \$8,319.92, \$77,460.67, \$21,545.22, \$29,212.57, \$1,719.00, \$112,692.40, \$163,550.74, \$159.46, \$3,002.16, \$165.00 and \$230.78. AIF/MC

RESERVED TIME

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider discussed Community Development Fellowship 15 month program that is available to the City for \$10,000. He explained that a person would be assigned to work at the City for 15 months and work on a variety of economic development projects and stated that White Cloud just finished this program and had a good experience. Schneider will email Council additional information about the program. He gave updates on trees in the South Parking Lot that may need to be replaced, striping projects, M-82 lift station, Powerhouse building and the Townsquare/Pocket Park project.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Nicole Klomp, City Police Social Worker (PSW) and Audrey Patterson, City PSW Intern were present and gave a broad overview of the PSW position discussing the background of the position, purpose of the position, impact of the position and the findings of the position. They discussed a community and officers survey that had been completed stating that the results were very positive.

Chief Andres stated that Klomp started as a volunteer and has worked with the Newaygo Police Department as a paid Police Social Worker for approximately two (2) years through a grant. She discussed the benefits of the PSW position and said that the current grant expires at the end of September. Chief said that they have applied for other grants and are waiting to hear back and will apply for additional grants to cover this position.

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, gave updates on various striping projects and stated that the street light poles were in the process of getting re-painted.

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion by Black, second by Engemann to approve funding request for Police Social Worker in the amount of up to \$5,000 a month for September 2024-December 2024. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Golliver, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None CARRIED Schneider stated that he feels the Police Social Worker position is a good position and wishes to see it continue. He said that the funding would allow the Police Department time to hear back on the grants that they had been applied for and apply for additional grants to cover this position.

Motion by DeVries, second by Golliver for the City to pursue ORV Connector Route for M37 Bridge over Muskegon River and M82 Bridge over Penoyer Creek. AIF/MC Fedell said that TIFA had passed a Resolution requesting City Council to pursue ORV Connector route approvals for M37 Bridge over the Muskegon River and M82 Bridge over the Penoyer Creek. Schneider stated that the DNR or local unit of government can apply for this and that MDOT makes the final decision. Schneider stated that Officer Rood and TIFA Chair Heinzman would be the champions for this project.

Motion by Burns, second by Black to approve Resolution 2024-38 Designating Tenant Parking Spaces in the Downtown area. AIF/MC Fedell stated that the City was recommending adding additional tenant parking along the back row of the North Parking lot along Wood St.

Motion by Black, second by Walerczyk to approve acquiring Parcel 18-24-423-002 from Newaygo County Treasurer under tax foreclosure in the amount of \$730.00. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Golliver, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None CARRIED Schneider displayed a map with the location of this parcel and stated that it might be advantageous for the City to own this parcel if additional or new infrastructure in this area was ever needed.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Engemann to approve Easement Agreement with Payne Avenue Owner LLC (Wendy’s Restaurant-250 W Pine Lake Dr.) in the amount of \$100 to install a City Welcome Sign in front of the building along M37. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Golliver, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None CARRIED Schneider stated that the next step will be to work on Welcome Sign bidding and construction.

Schneider discussed and displayed designs of sidewalks and pedestrian walks along Cooperative, Mundy, Brooks and Division St. He said that easements would be needed for the sidewalk along Division St. prior to receiving bids.

Motion by Engemann, second by Burns to approve American Rescue Plan-State Revolving Fund Grant Agreement between the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and the City of Newaygo in the amount of \$689,500 for the Wood St Water Main Project and the Water Service Line Project. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Golliver, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None CARRIED Schneider said that along with the grant the City would have to get a loan for approximately \$1.2 million, but \$588,000 would be forgiven at closing. He said that water rates would not have to increase because of the project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Franklin, Library Director, voiced her concern with the usage of the library public restrooms during a recent event held at Brooks Park. The Mayor and Schneider said they would try to alleviate these issues for future events at Brooks Park.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member comments were: like new chairs, liked receiving packets earlier in the week and appreciate the Police Social Worker Program.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. AIF/MC

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin