



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
September 9, 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, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Golliver, Walerczyk
Absent: Burns

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Engemann, second by DeVries to approve the Consent Agenda which includes Council regular meeting minutes from 08/12/2024 and approval of accounts payable of \$371.86, \$43,954.38, \$29,474.16, \$15,269.39, \$20,440.16, \$407,573.05, \$1,009,597.99, \$8,878.12, \$4,392.26, \$6,325.62, and \$100.00. AIF/MC

RESERVED TIME

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Fire Chief Otteren stated that the Newaygo Area Fire District has been very busy.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider gave updates on trees in the South Parking Lot, Social Zone expansion project, striping projects, sidewalk projects and City Welcome Sign. He stated that the Planning Commission has been working on rules and regulations for shipping cargo containers and would be working on short-term rentals in the coming months and both would eventually have to come to Council for a final decision. Schneider said that the PSD has been working on sidewalk rules and regulations and eventually a Resolution would come to Council for a final decision.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

Schneider discussed request from a local business for additional hitching bar(s) for horses to be placed in the City stating that currently the only hitching post in the City is located near Linda's Chapel. He displayed a picture of a potential location of a hitching bar or two at 74 Justice Street which is the corner lot of Justice and Wood Street that the City owns. Chief Andres stated that this location would be close to the downtown, provide shade for the horses, and be away from cars and traffic. Council Members discussed horse droppings and possibly having a sign placed at the location about picking up horse droppings. Chief said that once hitching bar(s) were in place that a map of the locations of hitching bars could be provided to the Amish.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Golliver to approve installing hitching bars for horses at 74 Justice Street and allowing Schneider, Wight, and Chief to work on the location of hitching bars on this parcel. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Black inquired about the frequency of brush pick-up and asked about the possibility of increasing the frequency of brush pick-up. Schneider and Wight stated that they are working on a schedule of brush pick-up.

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

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin