



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
November 11, 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

Absent: Walerczyk

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ramona Deters, representing River Country Chamber of Commerce and the Newaygo Farmers Market, gave updates on the Chamber Charity Auction, the upcoming Christmas Walk and Farmers Market.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve the Consent Agenda which includes Council regular meeting minutes from 10/14/2024 and approval of accounts payable of \$26,789.06, \$7,093.86, \$17,162.79, \$187,209.82, \$25,528.97, \$1,209.15, \$580.00, \$180.00 and \$2,696.31. AIF/MC

RESERVED TIME

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider said that the audit was included in packets and that it was a clean audit stating that there were no deficiencies listed by the auditors. He said that a project update sheet was included in packets and gave updates on the Town Square Project, Powerhouse Building Project, Sidewalk Project and Disc Golf Course Project and said that the Water Service Line and Wood St. Water Main Projects would start in the spring of 2025. He said that the Social Zone Project was complete and displayed pictures before the project started, pictures during the project and pictures of the finished project.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated that they have been very busy with leaf pick-up.

Chief Andres discussed the 2023 Annual Police Report that was included in packets stating that the City of Newaygo Police Department has approximately an 82% clearance rate, which is well above the state average. She discussed the "Use of Force" Report that was given to all Council Members stating that there had not been any citizen or officer injuries and all of the use of forces had been justified. Chief stated that the assessors for accreditation for the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program would be on-site on Thursday, November 14th.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Motion by DeVries, second by Engemann to approve Resolution 2024-40 approving the appointment of Blake Prewitt to the TIFA/LDFA Board. AIF/MC
- Motion by Engemann, second by Burns to approve the extension of Planned Unit Development (PUD) for 120/160 Pine Lake Dr. with 120 West Pine Lake Dr. LLC. AIF/MC Jeff Edwards, representing 120 West Pine Lake Dr. LLC, was present and stated that he is moving forward with proposed apartments at 120/160 Pine Lake Dr., but there was a delay in ownership and he was working with a new team and they hope to break ground in the spring of 2025. Schneider stated that the original PUD had been approved with construction to take place within 12 months. Schneider said that there were not any changes to the plans and this was an extension allowing an additional 12 months to start construction.
- Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve the Planned Unit Development (PUD) Agreement for 120/160 Pine Lake Dr. AIF/MC
- Motion by Fedell, second by Black to approve the City Manager as authorized official with authority to sign MCOLES Police Social Worker Grant Agreement and all related documents to accomplish the goals of the grant. AIF/MC Chief Andres stated that the City had been notified that they were awarded the grant, but had not received the hard copy of the grant yet.
- Motion by Burns, second by DeVries to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Arbor Circle. AIF/MC Schneider stated that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is the agreement between the City and Arbor Circle for the Police Social Worker and the numbers in the MOU were the same as the grant funding we were awarded.
- Motion by Burns, second by Golliver to approve Traffic Order # 210-Speed Zone Sign of 25 MPH on River Hills Dr. on the east side of the street, Traffic Order #211-No Parking Sign on any street in River Hills Court Subdivision from November 1-April 1, and Traffic Order #212-Speed Zone Sign of 25 MPH on River Hills Dr at Sand Hills Ct. on the west side of the street. AIF/MC
- Motion by Golliver, second by Burns to approve Ordinance 2024-04 to amend sections of Chapters 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, and 17 of the Zoning Ordinance. AIF/MC Schneider stated that the majority of changes in Chapters 2 and 3 were related to regulations allowing Shipping/Cargo Containers in residential zones and he discussed the regulations that were included in the Ordinance. Schneider stated that there were minimal changes in the other chapters and said that the Planning Commission had been working on regulations allowing Shipping/Cargo Containers for a number of months and had recommended approval by City Council.
- Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve Resolution 2024-41 which exercises the City’s right to exempt itself from the requirements of PA 152 of 2011 for coverage beginning 01/01/2025. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member comments were related to community service programs and leaf pick-up. Goodin stated that Delores Golliver recently had a last name change to LaFontsee and that at future meetings her name on roll calls, in the minutes and name plate would be updated to LaFontsee.

Motion by Burns, second by Engemann to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. AIF/MC

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin