



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
December 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, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, LaFontsee, Walerczyk
Absent:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Engemann, second by Walerczyk to approve the Consent Agenda which includes Council regular meeting minutes from 11/11/2024 and approval of accounts payable of \$12,516.06, \$43,188.69, \$18,365.38, \$62,755.42, \$27,062.09, \$11,510.57 and \$181.25 and Resolutions listed below. AIF/MC

The following Resolutions were also approved by Consent Agenda:

- A. Resolution 2024-42 which sets the regular meeting dates for City Council for the 2025 calendar year
- B. Resolution 2024-44 approving the reappointment of Luke Francis, Sandy Williams and Ed Fedell to the Planning Commission
- C. Resolution 2024-45 approving the reappointment of Morgan Heinzman and Chris Wren and the appointment of Ben Gilpin to the TIFA/LDFA Board
- D. Resolution 2024-46 approving the reappointment of Robbin Faulkner, Greg Slominski, Ed Fedell and the appointment of Alyssa Locke to the PSD Board
- E. Resolution 2024-47 approving the reappointment of Luke Francis and Steven Radtke to the NEDO Board
- F. Resolution 2024-48 approving the reappointment of Patty Goodman to the Newaygo Area District Library Board
- G. Resolution 2024-49 approving the reappointment of Jon Schneider to the Building Authority Board
- H. Resolution 2024-50 approving the reappointment of Art Westcott to the City Election Commission
- I. Resolution 2024-51 approving the reappointment of Wayne Fetterley, Ed Fedell and Denise DeVries to the Board of Review

RESERVED TIME

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Tim Liberty, representing River Country Chamber of Commerce, gave updates on the Christmas Walk and Chamber Leadership Academy.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider gave updates on a parcel along the river (922 Main St.) that the City had made an offer to purchase during the first quarter of 2024. He stated that the initial offers made by the City had not been accepted by the owner and that the owner had recently approached the City with a counter offer. Council discussed the counter offer. No action was taken. Schneider gave updates on removal of trees in the cemetery and economic data that had been presented by the Right Place.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Andres gave an update on the City K-9, Bella, stating that she is 11 ½ years old and is experiencing some medical issues. She said that the veterinary recommended that Bella be taken out of service and that Officer Nelson, Bella’s handler, would like to adopt her. Chief said that she would not recommend replacing Bella at this time as the City currently has access to other K-9 dogs in the area. She plans to do a retirement ceremony for Bella after the first of the year. Chief said that when the time comes that a local funeral home had donated cremation and burial services for Bella.

Motion by Fedell, second by Black to transfer ownership of Bella from the City to Officer Nelson. AIF/MC

Motion by Fedell, second by Walerczyk to allow Bella to be buried, when she passes away, at Marshall Park if Officer Nelson would like her buried at Marshall Park.

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion by Burns, second by Engemann to approve Resolution 2024-43 which is approval and concurrence with the Brownfield Plan for 120/160 W Pine Lake Dr. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, LaFontsee, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated that the Newaygo County Brownfield Authority had approved recommendation to the Newaygo County Board of Commissioners for approval of the Brownfield Plan for 120/160 W Pine Lake Dr. He said that the plan had been vetted through a number of boards and discussed the highlights of the plan, which was included in packets. Schneider stated that Table 3 outlined the reimbursement schedule.

Motion by Burns, second by LaFontsee to approve the Municipal Services Agreement with 120 Pine Lake Dr LLC for Brownfield/Housing TIF. Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, LaFontsee, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated that the Municipal Service Agreement between the City and 120 Pine Lake Dr. LLC, which was included in packets, had been reviewed by Jeff Edwards, owner of the LLC.

Motion by DeVries, second by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 2024-52 approving compensation for appointed City Board and Commission Members. Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, LaFontsee, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Black, second by Engemann to approve Marshall Run on August 30, 2025. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Tim Liberty, member at The Stream, discussed a Stream member that had assisted in recent vehicle accident that occurred at the lower level of The Stream building.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM. AIF/MC

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin