



**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council**  
**April 14, 2025**

**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: City Manager Jon Schneider

Roll Call: Present: Black, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Walerczyk  
Absent: Burns

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

Motion by Black, second by Engemann to approve the amended agenda adding Resolution 2025-09, 2025-10, 2025-11, 2025-12 and 2025-13 under Consent Agenda. AIF/MC

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Engemann, second by DeVries to approve the Consent Agenda which includes Council regular meeting minutes from 03/17/2025 and approval of accounts payable of \$60,813.45, \$329,754.66, \$32,791.03, \$29,508.22, \$81,288.53, \$89,127.83, \$304,495.34 and \$157.38 and Resolutions listed below. AIF/MC

The following Resolutions were also approved by Consent Agenda:

- A. Resolution 2025-09 approving the appointment of Adonna “Dusty” Linsley to the Newaygo Fire District Board
- B. Resolution 2025-10 approving the appointment of Ryan Coffey Hoag to the Newaygo Economic Development Board
- C. Resolution 2025-11 approving the appointment of Cathy Walker as full position to the Board of Review and Ed Fedell as an alternate to the Board of Review
- D. Resolution 2025-12 approving the appointment of Robert Walker to City Council
- E. Resolution 2025-13 to appoint members to the Local Officers Compensation Commission

**RESERVED TIME**

Motion by Engemann, second by Walerczyk to approve request from Newaygo County Pride, Lesly DeLaat, for use of Brooks Park to have a Community Event on Saturday, May 31, 2025 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. (Event is from 2:00 pm-6:00 pm) Roll Call: Yeas: Black, DeVries, Fedell, Walerczyk Nays: Engemann Absent: Burns MOTION CARRIED Application and information was included in packets.

Motion by Black, second by Walerczyk to approve request by Newaygo County Birding Group for use of Riverfront Park Phase 1 Pavilion on Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm to hold a Grand Opening Celebration of the Newaygo County Birding Trail. AIF/MC Information was included in packets.

Motion by Fedell, second by Black to approve request by Newaygo Brewing Company at 19 State Rd. for use of a portion of the North parking lot (behind the Brewery) on Friday May 2, 2025 and Saturday, May 3, 2025 from noon-10:00 pm to have an outdoor extension of their business with a tent and security fencing as depicted in submitted site plan for a 10 year anniversary celebration contingent that the Brewery meet the Newaygo Police Department and State requirements. AIF/MC Nick Looman, owner of Newaygo Brewery, was present and discussed the proposed event and distributed a copy of the safety plan for the event. Looman will work with Chief Andres and the State to meet requirements prior to the event.

## **COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS**

Lori Tubbergen Clark, Newaygo County Commissioner, provided handouts and discussed Newaygo County Commission on Aging statistics and Newaygo County Medical Examiner's Office statistics. She also discussed and distributed a copy of the 2024 Newaygo County Central Dispatch Annual Report.

Ramona Deters, representing River Country Chamber of Commerce, spoke about Chamber events that are occurring in the coming months and said that the annual meeting will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the museum. Deters stated that the Newaygo Farmers Market will start on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Newaygo District Fire Chief Otteren gave an update on call numbers.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Schneider stated that a City Manager written report was included in packets. Council Members had no questions.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, discussed the Wood St water/sewer main project and the water service line project and said they will both begin in the next few weeks.

Chief Andres said that the School Assigned Police Officer agreement expires this spring and a new agreement would be coming to Council next month. She said that she is reviewing policies for any potential updates that may be needed in the Police Department.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Black to approve Resolution 2025-05 approving Liquor Licenses for 18 W State Road. AIF/MC

Motion by Black, second by Engemann to approve Resolution 2025-06 adding 18 W State Road to the Social District. AIF/MC

Motion by Black, second by Engemann to approve Special Land Use Request by Donna Friar to change her building at 47 N State Rd to a fully residential use in a commercial district. AIF/MC Schneider stated that the Planning Commission had reviewed the request last week and recommended approval of the request.

Motion by Engemann, second by Walerczyk to approve Ordinance 2025-02 to amend various chapters of the City of Newaygo Zoning Ordinance regarding Short-term Rentals. AIF/MC Schneider stated that the "Draft" Ordinances and Resolution related to short-term rentals had been brought to previous Planning Commission and Council meetings. He stated that the Planning Commission had recommended adoption of Zoning Ordinance changes.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Engemann to approve Ordinance 2025-03 to permit and regulate Short-term residential rentals within the City to ensure the public health, safety, and welfare, and to provide penalties for violations thereof. AIF/MC He stated that the Planning Commission had recommended adoption of Zoning Ordinance changes.

Motion by Black, second by Engemann to approve Resolution 2025-07 setting the fees for various activities and requirements relating to Short-term rentals. AIF/MC

Motion by DeVries, second by Black to approve engineering proposal, from Fishbeck, for Pocket Park design and construction phase in the amount of \$47,250.00. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Walerczyk Nays: None Absent: Burns MOTION CARRIED

Schneider displayed potential concepts of the future look of an open air pavilion for the Powerhouse Building, which the architects had designed. He said that no decision was needed at this time, but was looking for Council input. Council Members had concerns with potential skateboard users at the building and potential vandalism and graffiti. Schneider and Council discussed the potential need for lighting and cameras at the Powerhouse Building.

Motion by Black, second by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 2025-08 adopting the Newaygo Fire District Budget for FY 25/26. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Walerczyk Nays: None Absent: Burns MOTION CARRIED The Newaygo Fire District Budget for FY 25/26 was included in packets.

Schneider went over the budget in detail; discussed some highlights and explained some revenue and expenditures.

Schneider and Council Members discussed Charter Revision and recommended that information be included in the City's fall update letter sent to residents.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Amanda Paige, Muskegon River Watershed Assembly Engagement Coordinator, discussed Earth Day gathering they plan to hold in Brooks Park on April 26, 2025 from 2:00 pm-5:00pm. Council did not express any concern with event.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Engemann asked Fire Chief Otteren questions on fire calls.

Black said that he would like the City to work towards purchasing and installing a backup generator for City Hall.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Engemann to adjourn the meeting. AIF/MC

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Goodin