



**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council**  
**May 12, 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~~ Clerk, Kim Gaudin KG

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

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Burns, second by DeVries to approve the Consent Agenda which includes Council regular meeting minutes from 04/14/2025 and approval of accounts payable of \$20,087.73, \$10,442.31, \$25,227.08, \$32,994.85, \$1,803.00 and \$57.38. AIF/MC

**RESERVED TIME**

**COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS**

Lori Tubbergen Clark, Newaygo County Commissioner, provided a handout that gave statistics related to unemployment in Newaygo County and discussed statistics related to the Newaygo County Jail. She stated that Asa Vermeulen had been hired as the new Newaygo County Parks Director.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Schneider stated that a City Manager written report was included in packets and discussed the Pocket Park Project, Powerhouse Building, Wood Street Water/Sewer Main Project and the Water Service Line Project.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Chief Andres said that Kids Day was scheduled for Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Motion by Burns, second by Walker to approve Special Land Use Request by All Around Excavating to remove sand, gravel and similar material from 302 E 68<sup>th</sup> Street, Resonate Church property, for business purposes over a multi-year time period with the following contingencies: All Around Excavating must obtain the necessary MDOT permit(s) for driveway access, All Around Excavating must secure a Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Permit and adhere to all requirements and All Around Excavating must apply for any required EGLE permits and adhere to the conditions of the permit. AIF/MC Fedell stated that the Planning Commission had reviewed the request last week and recommended approval of the request with the listed contingencies. Schneider displayed site plans, which were included in packets, which gave an overview of the area proposed for sand and gravel removal.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Black to approve request by Trinity Fellowship Church-Newaygo for the use of Brooks Park to have Vacation Bible School on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 through Thursday, July 17, 2025

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from 7:00 am-2:00 pm with rain location being at Family of God Church and Trinity Fellowship providing two portable restrooms during their event. AIF/MC Schneider said that the portable toilets could be placed by the City dumpster or in the parking lot by the Justice Street entrance.

Motion by DeVries, second by Black to approve Newaygo School Assigned Police Officer Agreement. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Fedell, Walerczyk, Walker Nays: None Absent: Engemann MOTION CARRIED Chief Andres discussed the current School Assigned Police Officer Agreement for Officer Rood's position between the City, School and surrounding townships stating that the current agreement expires in June. She said that the only change with the new agreement was the funding amount. Chief stated that she has been meeting with Newaygo School Superintendent and would be attending the Newaygo School Board meeting, Croton Township meeting, Brooks Township meeting and Garfield Township meeting in the next couple of weeks to present the updated agreement.

Motion by Burns, second by Walker to approve License Agreement for Wisner Canoe to use Riverfront Park Phase II. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Fedell, Walerczyk, Walker Nays: None Absent: Engemann MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve Resolution 2025-14 to set a public hearing on a proposed agreement to conditionally transfer property and right-of-way from Brooks Township to the City of Newaygo. (The Proposed property is 40 E 82<sup>nd</sup> Street and the adjacent right-of-way) AIF/MC Schneider said that he has spoken with Brooks Township Supervisor and a representative from J&H about annexing this parcel into the City. Schneider said that J&H would like to have City water and sewer services and he discussed the timeline and requirements of a PA425.

Motion by Black, second by Walerczyk to approve engineering proposal from Fishbeck for design and bidding services at the estimated cost of \$124,900 relating to the replacement and upgrade of water mains along M82 from the City's water booster station near Cooper St to the M37/Croton Rd. intersection and giving authorization for the City Manager, Jon Schneider, to sign the engineering proposal and all other relevant documents to bring the design and bidding phases to completion. AIF/MC Schneider displayed map of the general area that the water mains needed to be replaced stating that the first step is engineering design work of proposed project.

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to open public hearing at 7:43 pm to discuss and take comments on the proposed City Budget and millage rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. AIF/MC Schneider went through the proposed budget for FY 2025-2026 and discussed the highlights stating that he had discussed the proposed FY 2025-2026 budget in detail with the Finance Committee in March. Schneider stated that the Capital Improvement Plan was included in budget book and it contained current and future projects. He stated that the millage rate was unchanged and remained at 17.75. Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk at 8:01 pm to close public hearing. AIF/MC

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve Resolution 2025-15 adopting City Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Fedell, Walerczyk, Walker Nays: None Absent: Engemann MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Burns, second by Black to approve Resolution 2025-16 adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Millage Levy. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Fedell, Walerczyk, Walker Nays: None Absent: Engemann MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Black, second by Walker to approve the City Capital Improvement Plan dated March 14, 2025. AIF/MC

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 2025-17 to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 TIFA Budget. AIF/MC Schneider stated that the TIFA Board had reviewed and approved budget amendments at their recent meeting.

Motion by Burns, second by Walker to approve Resolution 2025-18 which sets the date and schedule of notices for Public Hearing on the FY 2025-2026 Fire Protection Services Special Assessment. AIF/MC Fedell stated that the public hearing will be held at the next City Council Meeting On June 9, 2025.

Mayor Fedell stated that the minutes from the Local Officers Compensation Commission meeting were included in packets. No Council comments.

Motion by DeVries, second by Burns to approve engagement letter with Miller Canfield Law Services to provide general legal advice and legal services regarding labor employment matters and other matters as requested. AIF/MC Schneider stated that the City would only pay Miller Canfield Law if the City utilized their services.

The Personnel Committee held its annual review process of City Manager, Jon Schneider, and written meeting minutes from the Personnel Committee were in Council packets. Comments from Council included: thanking Schneider for all he does, appreciate Schneider being transparent, and that he does a good job.

Goodin and Chief commented that he is a good boss, very loyal and dependable and that the City staff appreciates him very much. Schneider thanked everyone for their comments and said he works with good Boards and staff.

Schneider stated that charter revision (replacement) discussion would remain on future Council Agendas until it was decided if the City was able to move forward with next steps.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm. AIF/MC



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Mayor – Ed Fedell



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Clerk – Kim Goodin