



**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council**  
**June 9, 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: Clerk, Kim Goodin

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

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Black, second by Walerczyk to approve the Consent Agenda which includes Council regular meeting minutes from 05/12/2025 and approval of accounts payable of \$35,104.54, \$182,599.29, \$54,164.65, \$2,565.00, \$124,623.46, \$49,684.66, \$4,402.36 and \$3,150.00. AIF/MC

**RESERVED TIME**

**COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS**

Ramona Deters, representing the River Country Chamber of Commerce, said that Kids Day was a huge success and spoke about upcoming Chamber events. She said that the first Newaygo Farmers Market was last Friday and gave an update on various programs being offered at the Newaygo Farmers Market.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Schneider stated that he did not have any updates except for items listed under Board Business which he would discuss at that time.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, said that they have been very busy with the various projects in the City stating that a number of paving projects would be completed this week.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Engemann to approve request by St. Bartholomew Parish to conduct a Corpus Christi procession on the morning of Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> according to the map presented at the Council meeting noting that Council was approving only the portion of the route included in the City limits. AIF/MC

Motion by DeVries, second by Walker to approve request by Gabriel Slominski, 37 North, to host a Food Truck on July 12, 2025 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm and August 16, 2025 from 11:00 am-5:00 pm. AIF/MC Fedell stated that Slominski had contacted all downtown restaurant owners and none of them had any issues with 37 North hosting the food truck.

Motion by Walker, second by Engemann to approve request by Hearts United, Jenn Braman, for the use of Riverfront Phase 1 Park to have a Community Wellness & Arts Festival on Sunday, August 3, 2025 from

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8:00 am-8:00 pm. Council stated in the motion that the tent set up is allowed on Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, but that the City would not be liable for any theft or damage to the tent and that the statement that reads “weapons of any kind are not permitted on festival grounds” does not pertain to Police Officers. AIF/MC

Motion by Engemann, second by Black at 7:15 pm to open public hearing to discuss and take comments on the proposed conditional transfer of property from Brooks Township to the City of Newaygo (Parcel #62-19-30-160-026), address 40 E 82<sup>nd</sup> St. AIF/MC Schneider said that the proposed business, J&H Family Store/Gas Station needs City water and sewer services. He stated that he has had conversations with the Brooks Township Supervisor on the transfer of property from Brooks Township to the City and that the agreement, included in packets, is similar to agreements that have been done previously with property transfers. Schneider explained the timeline and process of PA425 annexation agreements. Motion by Black, second by Walerczyk at 7:20 pm to close the public hearing. AIF/MC

Motion by Engemann, second by DeVries to approve Resolution 2025-19 approving and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign (after expiration of the referendum period) a conditional transfer of property agreement between the City and Brooks Township for Parcel #62-19-30-160-026, address 40 E 82<sup>nd</sup> St. AIF/MC

Motion by DeVries, second by Walker to approve Special Land Use request from J&H Family Store to construct an Automobile Service Station (Gas Station) with an attached restaurant with a drive thru at 40 E 82<sup>nd</sup> St. (Parcel # 62-19-30-160-026) with the following contingencies: 1. Transfer of jurisdiction from Brooks Township to the City for parcel # 62-19-30-160-026 must be approved. 2. Gates and doors around the dumpster enclosure must comply with City Ordinance. 3. Vegetation along eastern property line must be enhanced for more complete screening. 4. Outside lights must be downward facing with sharp cutoff fixtures. AIF/MC Fedell stated that the Planning Commission had recommended approval with contingencies at their meeting last week. Joe Grochowalski, representing J&H Family Store, was present and discussed the need for City water and sewer stating that he had attended the most recent Brooks Township Board Meeting and had explained to their board the need for City water and sewer and had answered many questions. Grochowalski answered questions from Council Members related to trees along Evergreen Drive and said that there would not be an entrance on Evergree Dr. stating that they were working with MDOT on driveway construction details. Council members discussed screening options along the eastern property line.

Motion by Black, second by Walerczyk to approve Ordinance 2025-04 to rezone Parcel #62-18-24-463-012 (Parcel behind 361 S Adams St) from Residential (R-1) to Commercial (B-2) and to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Newaygo Zoning Ordinance. AIF/MC

Motion by Walker, second by DeVries to approve Special Land Use request from LaTropicana at 361 S Adams St. to allow for an outdoor table service area on the side of the building to be used for seating and serving food and drinks to patrons. (Parcel #62-18-24-463-010) with the following contingencies: 1. A survey is completed to ensure correct setbacks and check for any potential easements. 2. Re-zoning of parcel #62-18-24-463-012 from R-1 to B-2 must be approved. 3. A buffer must be placed between LaTropicana and neighboring residents and be a minimum of 6 feet in height (privacy fence or vegetation). AIF/MC Fedell stated that the Planning Commission had recommended approval with contingencies at their meeting last week. Schneider displayed site plan that showed proposed outdoor seating, parking and buffer area by residential neighbors.

Motion by Engemann, second by Walker at 7:39 pm to open public hearing to discuss and take comments on the Fire District Special Assessment. AIF/MC Schneider stated that the Fire District Budget had been approved at previous meeting. No comments or questions from the Council or public. Motion by Black, second by Walker to close public hearing at 7:40 pm. AIF/MC

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Walker to approve Resolution 2025-20 which establishes the funding level of 1.87474 mills for the Newaygo Area Fire District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Walerczyk, Walker Nays: None Absent: Burns MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Walker, second by DeVries to approve Resolution 2025-21 confirming special assessment, establishing lien and providing for the payment and collection of special assessments for Fire Board. AIF/MC

Motion by Black, second by Walker to approve request by First Baptist Church of Newaygo for the use of Brooks Park to have worship service on Sunday, June 29, 2025 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. AIF/MC

Motion by Black, second by Walerczyk to approve request by Wayne Kauffman/Trinity Fellowship for the use of Brooks Park to have a Free BBQ open to the public on Sunday, August 24, 2025 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. AIF/MC

Motion by Walker, second by Black to approve request by Native Circle of Newaygo County for the use of Shaw Park to have a POW WOW on Friday, September 12, 2025 (3:00pm-9:00pm), Saturday, September 13, 2025 (7:00 am-9:00 pm) and Sunday, September 14, 2025 (7:00 am-9:00 pm). AIF/MC

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Daniel Sovinski, 291 Fremont Street, provided a letter to Council and spoke about: Asphalt on Cooper Street, Intersection light at Quarterline and M37, and speed limit heading west on M82.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Council member comments related to events in Brooks Park and Wood St. water/sewer main project.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Engemann to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm. AIF/MC

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Goodin