



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
July 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: Clerk, Kim Goodin

Roll Call: Present: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Walerczyk, Walker
Absent: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Black, second by Engemann to approve the Consent Agenda which includes Council regular meeting minutes from 06/23/2025 and approval of accounts payable of \$90,587.92, \$100,999.36, \$78,281.61, \$9,659.68 and \$342.06. AIF/MC

RESERVED TIME

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Chief Otteren, Newaygo District Fire Chief, said that the department has been very busy.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider stated that he had been contacted by two companies interested in installing fiber optic cable to homes in the City. Schneider explained that River Country Chamber of Commerce consisted of Newaygo, Grant, Croton and White Cloud communities stating that at a future Council Meeting he would like to discuss Council members' thoughts on the Chamber placing signage in Newaygo for events in other Chamber communities. Schneider said that NCRA had recently passed a resolution dedicating Henning Baseball fields in memory of Duane duChemin and stated that the County and other municipalities which are part of NCRA plan to pass the same or similar resolution. He said if Council had no objection, a resolution would be placed on the August Council Agenda. (No objections from Council members.) Schneider displayed pictures of the overlook deck and fencing that was completed at the Powerhouse Building and stated that the Wood Street water/sewer project should be completed by the end of July.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

No Department Reports.

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion by Black, second by Burns to award Brooks St/Mundy Ave project of sidewalks, storm piping, and road work to Dan's Excavating; to approve agreement with Dan's Excavating in the amount of \$288,539.00; to Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and approve work, sign/approve contracts, payments, change orders, minor contract changes, and other relevant documents to bring the project to completion. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Walerczyk, Walker Nays: None Absent: None MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to award Division Street sidewalk project to Dan's Excavating; to approve agreement with Dan's excavating in the amount of \$84,995.00; to Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and approve work, sign/approve contracts, payments, change orders, minor contract changes, and other relevant documents to bring the project to completion. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Walerczyk, Walker Nays: None Absent: None MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Walker, second by Black to approve the Personnel Policy Updates in regards to sick time benefits to comply with the Earned Sick Time Act. AIF/MC Schneider explained that due to changes with the State Earned Sick Time Act, the City needed to modify the accrual of sick time. He said that currently City staff accrues sick time monthly, but with this amendment they would receive the entire allotment at the beginning of the benefit year.

Motion by Burns, second by DeVries to approve request by Love in the Name of Christ of Newaygo County for the use of Brooks Park to have a Community Walk on Sunday, September 14, 2025 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. AIF/MC

Motion by Engemann, second by Walker to approve request by home owners at 37 E Water Street to have trees removed near the Muskegon River behind their house and authorizing the City Manager to work out agreement between the City and the homeowner. AIF/MC Fedell stated that the City owns the majority of property between houses and Muskegon River on Water Street and a few of the houses on Quarterline Road. Schneider said that the homeowner would like a few trees removed to have a better view of the river and displayed pictures of the trees that they would like to have removed.

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve the members recommended on the MML Workers' Compensation Fund to serve as trustee to the MML Workers' Compensation Fund Board. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were related to: removal of trees a few years ago on Water Street, removal of trees on Wood Street that would occur in the coming months, tree limbs in electrical lines, planting new trees where trees have been or are scheduled to be removed, LSL water project, and the amount of traffic and vehicle speed around City Hall.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council member comments were related to: feeding birds in Leppinks parking lot, striping of Division Street and thanking the public in attendance for their comments.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. AIF/MC

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin