



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
August 11, 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 Walerczyk to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve the Consent Agenda which includes Council regular meeting minutes from 07/14/2025 and approval of accounts payable of \$104,464.37, \$48,400.95, \$416,569.10, \$219,733.70, \$125.00, \$15,208.39, \$10,740.94, \$19,006.26, \$77.76, \$9,045.42, \$1,887.00, \$140,563.29, \$376,294.31, \$3,291.81, \$815.71, \$352.25, and \$2,730.00. AIF/MC

RESERVED TIME

Nothing under Reserved Time.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Lori Tubbergen Clark, Newaygo County Commissioner, provided Newaygo County statistics on the State 2-1-1 program and gave updates on the County budget process. She discussed State penal fines that are mandated to support public libraries.

Ramona Deters, representing River Country Chamber of Commerce, gave updates on Newaygo County Kids Day and Newaygo County Gus Macker (held in White Cloud) that had occurred in the past months. She gave updates on the Newaygo Farmers Market stating that they are nearing the end of the season.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider discussed Mercury Broadband Tax Abatement Report that was included in packets. He gave an update on the Pocket Park displaying first draft renderings from the engineer. Schneider discussed potential revisions related to vegetation, the clock area, the wall around the clock, the fireplace and the wall of the 14 State Rd. building. He provided an overview of the potential timeline of the park project. Fedell and Walerczyk expressed that they do not want the height of the wall around the clock to hinder the vision into the park. Schneider said that the owner of Newaygo Old Town Tavern (18 State Rd) had inquired about utilizing or taking over the alleyway between 18 and 22 State Rd for outdoor seating. He said that research would need to be done on potential easements of alleyway. Council expressed concern with the narrowness of the alleyway and that allowing Newaygo Old Town Tavern to use the alleyway might restrict foot traffic. Schneider said that the MAC Elevator contacted him regarding their interest in adding another silo and ground storage area. He will provide an update in the coming months if MAC decides to move forward.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated that milling and paving of Quarterline Rd would begin on Monday, August 18th and should be complete in 2-3 days depending on the weather. He said that sidewalk repairs would occur in the coming months in various areas along Justice St and Wood St.

Chief Andres said that the School Resource Police Officer Bi-Annual Report, for Officer's Rood position, was included in packets and stated that the updated School Resource Officer Agreement with the school had been completed and approved in June and would expire in seven (7) years.

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion by Engemann, second by Black to approve Resolution 2025-23 dedicating the Henning Park Baseball Fields in memory of Duane duChemin. AIF/MC

Motion by Walker, second by Burns to approve Resolution 2025-24 setting the Cemetery fees for the City Cemetery. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Walerczyk, Walker Nays: None Absent: None MOTION CARRIED Schneider stated that the only revision to the cemetery fees was the foundation fees. He said the City was eliminating the additional fee for foundations and slightly increasing the square inch cost stating that this fee was comparable to surrounding communities.

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve Policy on signs in Brooks Parks for events run by the River Country Chamber of Commerce. AIF/MC Schneider said that the policy mimics what currently occurs with signage for events held by River Country Chamber of Commerce in the City. Schneider stated that Kelly Rider, Executive Director of River Country Chamber of Commerce, had reviewed the policy.

Motion by Burns, second by Walker to approve request by Newaygo Area District Library to host two food trucks in Brooks Park on Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 10:30 am – 3:00 pm during the Scarecrow Stroll. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A City resident expressed appreciation for the communication regarding the upcoming paving of Quarterline Road, the City's monthly brush pick-up, and the annual calendar which was included with the spring update letter.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council members and Chief discussed the increased amount of semi-truck traffic along Quarterline Rd. and Division St. and options to help alleviate the traffic.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. AIF/MC

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin