



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
March 9, 2026

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 Engemann to approve the Consent Agenda which includes Council regular meeting minutes from 02/09/2026 and approval of accounts payable of \$1,152.85, \$95,304.11, \$27,893.01, \$14,127.50, \$97,701.21, \$275,023.80, \$1,582.10, and \$ 12,408.72. AIF/MC

RESERVED TIME

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, recognized Kim Barry for his 37 years of dedicated service to the City Department of Public Works Department and said that he was retiring from the City. Schneider thanked him for his years of service and Mayor Fedell presented Barry with a commemorative plaque.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Newaygo County Commissioner Lori Tubbergen Clark discussed information and statistics from the Newaygo County Medical Examiner's Office and Michigan Works-West Central. She also discussed Newaygo County Commission on Aging upcoming baked potato open house and spoke about recent improvements at the Newaygo County Animal Shelter.

Ramona Deters, representing the River Country Chamber of Commerce, provided updates on the Newaygo Farmers Market and discussed upcoming Chamber events.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider stated that he is working on the new FY 26/27 budget and said that the City will close on the Muskegon River Holding (MRH) Property next week. He discussed the potential water main project north of the river and gave an update on the Powerhouse Building project. Schneider discussed documents included in packets regarding the Newaygo Fire District Budget History, Newaygo Police Department Budget History and Special Assessment for Fire/Police/EMS.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Andres discussed the Police Department's Annual Reports that are provided to Council each year. She spoke about surveys which have been done by the Newaygo Police Department (NPD) over the years and discussed survey findings and actions taken by the NPD based on the findings of each survey. She said that she anticipates launching a new community survey in 2026. Chief discussed different grants that the department has been awarded over the years stating that they continue to search for grants. She spoke about studies that had been

done over the past five years related to public safety and discussed the County Road Patrol Funding, Fire District Special Assessment and the City Police General Funding.

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to approve the request from Newaygo County Pride for the use of Brooks Park to have a Community Event on Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm (Event is from 11:00 am-4:00 pm). Newaygo County Pride will occupy only the specific portion of the City/Library parking lot as depicted on map attached to the application and will provide three (3) standard portable toilets and one (1) ADA –compliant portable toilet. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Fedell, Walerczyk, Walker Nays: Engemann Absent: None MOTION CARRIED Application and information was included in packets. Council discussed the use of the City/Library Parking while the Library is open.

Motion by Walker, second by DeVries to approve request from West Michigan Praise Festival for the use of Brooks Park to have a Praise and Worship Cookout in the park on Sunday, May 17, 2026 from 9:00 am-7:00 pm. AIF/MC Application and information was included in packets. A representative from West Michigan Praise was present and said that they held this event in Fremont last year and it went very good.

Motion by Black, second by Engemann to approve request from Newaygo Public Schools Band for the use of Brooks Park to have a band concert in the park on Sunday, May 10, 2026 from 1:00 pm-6:00 pm and to have a food truck for their event. Rain dates are Tuesday, May 12, 2026 and Wednesday, May 13, 2026 from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm if necessary. AIF/MC Application and information was included in packets.

Motion by Burns, second by Black to approve Resolution 2026-04 appointing Kristen Mast to the Election Commission. AIF/MC

Motion by Walker, second by Burns to approve Muskegon River Holdings (MRH) Property revised Right of first refusal letter of intent. AIF/MC Schneider stated that this had been approved at a previous Council meeting, but Sable Homes attorneys had made a few minor changes, which the Mayor discussed.

Motion by Black, second by Walker to approve Resolution 2026-05 NCRA Budget Amendments for FY 2025/2026. AIF/MC Schneider stated that Newaygo Little League had done a diamond dust project and the contributions and expenses for the project went through NCRA.

Motion by Burns, second by DeVries to approve reallocating Capital Project-401 funds from the River Front Trail project and excess funds from the City Welcome Sign to be used towards the Pocket Park project at 8 W State Rd. AIF/MC

Motion by Engemann, second by Burns to designate the City Manager as the authorized official for the City of Newaygo regarding the 2026 Match on Main grant program. The City Manager is authorized to submit a grant application and to sign/approve the grant agreement and all other relevant documents to bring the project to completion. AIF/MC Schneider explained the Match on Main Street grant program through the State and said that there is no guarantee any business would receive a grant should they apply.

Schneider discussed proposed Utilities Ordinance Amendment, updated Resolution for water and sewer rates, and proposed new Resolution regarding additional water/sewer regulations that were included in packets. He said that the rate Resolution has been in place for ten years and is set to expire. Schneider discussed highlights in Ordinance and each Resolution stating that no decision was needed at this time, but was looking for Council input. No questions or concerns from Council. Schneider said the Ordinance Amendment and Resolutions would come back to a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

No Council member comments.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm. AIF/MC

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin