



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
June 29, 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 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 06/08/2026, approval of accounts payable of \$24,389.10, \$258,195.80, \$215,884.50, \$22,574.14, \$3,689.50, \$39,989.23, \$89,881.43, \$520.22, \$2,254.03, \$1,530.00 and \$32.56. AIF/MC

RESERVED TIME

No items under reserved time.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

No Committee or Board Reports.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider requested Council feedback on exploring replacement options for the city vehicle he has been utilizing. Council expressed their consent to replace it. Schneider said that the City's Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) status enabled the City to secure a Match on Main Grant for the new owners of Newaygo Brewery. He gave an update on the Pocket Park and Welcome Sign. He discussed the retirement of City Clerk Goodin in the next year stating that the City staff has an upcoming meeting scheduled to discuss a job posting and transition plan for the position. Schneider said he would like to hire a new Clerk soon to train alongside Goodin.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated that there are issues with dog urination on headstones and dog waste in the cemetery and proposed posting signs prohibiting dogs. Schneider asked Council to consider the matter for discussion at the next meeting. Council Member asked questions about landscaping at the entrance of Riverfront Phase 1 Park and cleaning sand off the trail between Riverfront Parks. Wight said he will look at the entrance of the park and have his department clear the trail using the hurricane blower.

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion by Walker, second by Engemann to approve request by Hearts United, Jillian Braman, for the use of Riverfront Phase 1 Park to have a Hearts United Festival on Saturday, August 8, 2026 from 11:00 am-7:00 pm. AIF/MC Fedell stated that this event had been held last year without any issues.

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 2026-20 establishing Water and Sewer Charges. AIF/MC Schneider said that this Resolution replaces a Resolution which was approved in April. He said that this Resolution (2026-20) is identical to the Resolution passed in April with the exception of correcting an error on the commodity rates. Schneider said that the 2014 commodity rates had inadvertently been utilized on the Resolution passed in April instead of the 2025 commodity rates.

Schneider said that a copy of the detailed budget was included in packets stating that he did not have any concerns with the budget. He discussed some revenue and expenditures and said that the line amounts were bolded on the budget sheets which needed to be amended.

Motion by Burns, second by Walker to approve Resolution 2026-21 amending the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Walerczyk, Walker Nays: None Absent: None MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Schneider answered Council Member questions related to the Pocket Park.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm. AIF/MC

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin