



MINUTES
Newaygo City Planning Commission
November 7, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chambers called the meeting to order at 6:31pm at City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337.

Roll Call: Present: Chambers, DeVries, Fedell (arrived at 6:33 pm), Francis, Wight, Williams
Absent: Faulkner
Also Present: Jon Schneider: City Manager, Kim Goodin: Recording Secretary, Amy Dalman: City Code Enforcement Officer

Motion by Williams, second by Wight to excuse absent members. AIF/MC

Motion by Wight, second by Francis to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Wight, second by Williams to approve 09/05/2024 meeting minutes. AIF/MC

BOARD BUSINESS

Schneider displayed a map of the house located at 115 Penoyer St. that Resonate Church recently purchased. He stated that the Pastor from Resonate Church, Jacob Johnston, had planned to attend the meeting and discuss the possibility of utilizing this house at 115 Penoyer St. as a short-term rental. Schneider said that he had explained to Johnston that currently short-term rentals were not allowed in Residential Zones in the City. Schneider said that he would be working on a draft short-term rental ordinance in the coming months.

Motion by Fedell, second by Williams at 6:38 pm to open public hearing to discuss and take comments on proposed amendments to Zoning Ordinance Chapters 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16 and 17. AIF/MC
Schneider stated that the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Chapters listed above were included in packets and he discussed them in detail. He stated that the main change to Chapter 2 titled "Definitions" was the addition of the definition of Cargo/Shipping Containers. He said that there were slight changes to a few other existing definitions in Chapter 2 resulting from law changes over the years and clean up of wording that was needed. Schneider said that the main change to Chapter 3 titled "General Provisions" was the addition of regulations for Cargo/Shipping Containers. He said that the regulations listed in the amendment were all regulations related to Cargo/Shipping Containers that the Board had discussed at previous meetings and wanted to include in the Ordinance. Schneider said that Chapter 10 titled "Rural Residential (RR)", Chapter 11 titled "Single Family Residential (R-1)", Chapter 12 "Single and Two Family Residential (R-2)", Chapter 13 titled "Multiple Family Residential (R-3)", and Chapter 16 titled "Highway Business (B-2)" contained minimal changes with the biggest change in each of these chapters being the elimination of the wording "any similar uses that are not stated must go through special use approval" and "any items similar to those listed above" throughout these chapters. Schneider said that the City Attorney's legal opinion was that this wording is too generic and should be eliminated from the Ordinances. He said that the only change to Chapter 17

titled “Industrial (I-1)” was the addition of the section for “recycling of materials or goods”. Schneider answered board member questions by stating that currently the recycling facility in the City only collates and sorts material. Discussion occurred on how code enforcement is handled in the City and Schneider stated that Cargo/Shipping Containers would be enforced in the same manner. No public was present. Motion by Fedell, second by Francis at 6:52 pm to close the public hearing. AIF/MC

Motion by Fedell, second by Williams to recommend to City Council to proceed with proposed amendments, as written, to Zoning Ordinance Chapters 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16 and 17. AIF/MC

Schneider stated that a project update sheet was included in packets and gave updates on the Town Square Project, Powerhouse Building Project, Sidewalk Project, and Disc Golf Course Project and said that the Water Service Line and Wood St Water Main Projects would start in the spring of 2025. He said that the Social Zone Project was complete and displayed pictures before the project started, pictures during the project, and pictures of the finished project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD COMMENTS

Motion by Fedell, second by Wight to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm. AIF/MC

Secretary-Sandy Williams