



## **MINUTES**

### **Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council**

### **June 22, 2015**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fedell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo MI 49337.

Presiding officer: Mayor Fedell

Secretary: Clerk, Kim Biegalle

Roll Call: Present: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Mast, Palmiter, Walerczyk

Absent:

Motion by Johnson, support by Hikade to approve the agenda as written. AIF/MC

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Palmiter, support by Walerczyk to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 06/08/15 and accounts payable of \$41,304.89, \$42,494.30 and \$6,325.97. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: Nay: None. CARRIED

#### **RESERVED TIME**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **MANAGERS REPORT**

Schneider informed the Council he had looked into solar panels as options for energy power. He discussed several possible options for their use with the City as well as the length of time for return on investment. There was discussion and questions from Council members; no decisions were made. Schneider reminded Council that new FOIA laws will be put into effect as of July 1<sup>st</sup> and updated information will be available on our website. The deadline for filing for the upcoming November City Election is July 21<sup>st</sup> for anyone interested in running for City Council.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated he and Schneider have met with Sidock Engineering regarding putting in sidewalks on Division Street. It's preferable that the sidewalks be constructed outside of the road right-of-way for more safety and Schneider is planning on talking with property owners on this issue.

Chief Andres stated that the Muskegon River Task Force start on June 19<sup>th</sup> and Nixle is getting up and running (County's emergency contact system).

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Palmiter, support by Mast to approve Resolution 15-13 which amends the City's budget for fiscal year 2014 - 2015. Schneider explained that there is no net change to the funds within the budget, some of the line items changed within departments but all funds stayed within budget. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Day, support by Hikade approve Resolution 15-14 which appoints Carol Sherwood to fill a vacancy on the Newaygo Area District Library Board through 12/31/15 (Larry Lethorn resigned). AIF/MC

Motion by Palmiter, support by Mast to adopt Ordinance 15-03 which amends Chapter 82, Article II, Section 82-32 (Vegetation) to remove the timeframe in which removing or destroying weeds takes place. AIF/MC

Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to approve the lease renewal agreement with NC RESA (NCATS) for the City's water tower. Schneider explained that it's been 10 years since the original agreement was put into place. This agreement is the same as the original with a couple changes; Schneider explained the changes to Council. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Schneider opened up discussion on purchasing AED's (Automatic External Defibrillators). Currently the City does not have any and Chief Andres would like to see one at City Hall, one at the DPW and one in four of the City's police cruisers. These could save lives. Palmiter and Hikade very much in support of purchasing these life saving devices. The cost will be approximately \$9,000 and Schneider noted that there are available funds in the City's endowment fund at the Fremont Area Community Foundation. Chief Andres has also looked into grants to offset the cost with little to no success. Motion by Hikade, support by Day to purchase AED's with endowment funds, general fund or grant monies as soon as possible. AIF/MC

Motion by Palmiter, support by Walerczyk to approve the use of Brooks Park by St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm for a worship service. AIF/MC

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Johnson mentioned the e-mail he sent out to Council regarding a wet basement issue on Droom Street; property owner felt it was caused by the reconstruction of Quarterline Hill several years ago. Johnson acknowledged that Schneider and Wight met with the property owner at 190 E. Wood Street to evaluate the issue and see if there were any ways to assist the property owner.

Walerczyk asked if a "Dead End" sign has been purchased for Middle Street yet; Wight stated signs just came in today. Palmiter responded to Johnson's e-mail by stating that the City spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to fix Quarterline Hill years ago and this was the first the City heard of any problems; not the City's responsibility.

Schneider reminded Council to contact Nixle and give information to be contacted in case of emergency situations.

Fedell thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

Motion by Hikade, supported by Day to adjourn the meeting. AIF/MC

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Biegalle