



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

March 14, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fedell called the meeting to order at 7:04 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, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk
Absent: N/A

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 02/08/16 and accounts payable of \$19,116.81, \$83,663.93, \$32,778.15, \$17,131.65, \$92,642.28, \$11,180.78, \$191,331.10, \$673.80, \$37,246.68, \$213.35 and \$172.18. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider brought Council members attention to a survey in their packet for 115 Fremont Street. The house is currently for sale and the owners are requesting a vacation of part of Fremont Street that was never done and which the garage is currently sitting on. Schneider has turned this over to the City attorney; the potential buyers of the property have put \$1,000 in escrow to cover the costs of the City attorney and for any other potential costs. Schneider also went over the procedure and process with Council. Schneider then discussed the possibility of a Verizon 250' cell tower going in the industrial park and Council had a color aerial photo in their packets of possible location. Verizon needs a 100' x 100' piece of property to place the tower on; this in turn would generate tax revenue and lease fees for the City. Citizens who have Verizon would also benefit from the tower. The library approached the City about using the Council Chambers for a movie night the fourth Thursday of every month from 3:45 pm to 6:30 pm; Council had no issues with the library using the room.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated they are installing new larger, easier to read, reflective, street signs throughout the City.

Chief Andres stated they have started a new 10 person Honor Guard and two of those are officers from the Newaygo Police Department. They are currently in training this week. Chief Andres also went through and informed the Council of the numerous safety classes her department is offering to citizens and businesses. There will be an article coming out in the Times Indicator and City newsletter regarding this. Kids Day will be June 11th and she also informed the Council that the City of Newaygo Police Department has a 74% clearance rate for solved crimes; national average is under 50%.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Hikade, support by Johnson to approve Resolution 16-02 which appoints Lee Black as a board member to the Planning Commission to fill a vacancy through 12/3/16. AIF/MC

Motion Palmiter, support by Hikade to approve Resolution 16-03 which accepts the delinquent special assessments from the City Treasurer. AIF/MC

Motion by Day, support by Palmiter to approve Resolution 16-04 which adopts the Newaygo Area Fire District budget for fiscal year 2016 – 2017. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Del Hirdes, 1806 E. 88th Street, announced that he will be running for the District 5 County Commissioner position and will be happy to serve the City of Newaygo.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Palmiter thanked Hirdes for coming and noted that Lethorn did a great job in that position.

Santana stated that people are out walking the sidewalks and enjoying the weather; great to see.

Biegalle noted that there were 446 voters who turned out for the primary; record number for the City. She did note that people were not very happy about having to choose a ballot. Palmiter thanked Biegalle for doing a great job and keeping up with all the changes that go along with elections.

Schneider commented on an excellent election, commended the Police department for having a high clearance rate as well as the DPW for keeping the City beautiful. He did state that the Division Street sidewalk project is still moving forward; he just sent a permit application to the DEQ last week, hoping to get a bid notice in the paper this week and looking forward to the project starting in the spring.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Biegalle