



## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

### January 12, 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: N/A

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Fedell asked that Schneider make an announcement during this public comments section. Schneider has some very exciting news. Since Pat Hedlund was appointed to County Sheriff recently, the City was left with a vacancy for Chief of Police. Schneider stated it was overwhelmingly evident to promote from within and he choose Sgt. Georgia Stroven to fill the vacancy. He then introduced her to the Council as Chief Georgia Andres and stated she will carry on the level of service and commitment as her predecessor has done in the past. There were many in attendance and many made comments, they had nothing but positive and great things to say about the newly appointed Chief Andres; including comments from past police officers and those she worked under as well as a few who told some great stories about Chief Andres.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Walerczyk, support by Mast to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 12/08/14 and accounts payable of \$16,431.09, \$23,480.24, \$11,237.78, \$337.62, \$41,635.17, \$40,825.19, \$143,249.31 and \$192.25. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

#### **RESERVED TIME**

Schneider went through the budget by department; budget is on track. Schneider hit some highlights and explained why some line items were over/under budget. No questions or comments from the Council.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Larry Lethorn, County Commission was in attendance and gave a brief update on his board appointment at the County and gave an update on one of the Board of Commissioners who has been arrested.

#### **MANAGERS REPORT**

Schneider stated that the Council should have the latest Fire Board report. He also noted that the City has received funding for the flood damage that occurred last spring. The City, along with the Fire Board applied for reimbursement and both entities were awarded those monies.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Chief Andres stood up and thanked everyone for the opportunity to be appointed the new Chief. She has worked for this department for 14 years and stated she has a great group of officers and is excited to move forward. Thanked Council and City for their support.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Hikade, support by Johnson to appoint John Buckley, Jr. (CEO of Gerber Federal Credit Union) to the TIFA/LDFA Board for a four year term. AIF/MC

Motion by Day, support by Palmiter to approve Pay Request #10, Contract 2 – Well, Well House and Iron Removal System Project, Pay Request #5, Contract 3 for the Storage Tank Construction for the Well, Well House and Iron Removal System Project and Water Project Draw Request #12. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Day stated once he heard Pat Hedlund was appointed Sheriff he knew the City would be right in appointing Georgia Andres as the new City Chief of Police and congratulated her.

Walerczyk congratulated Andres.

Hikade stated that Chief Andres is a great asset to the City.

Palmiter congratulated Chief Andres, stated he hired her in 1996 and she has earned and proved herself.

Johnson congratulated Chief Andres.

Mast congratulated Chief Andres; stated she does a great job and had the privilege of attending a FEMA conference with her and she was outstanding as a school liaison and her commitment to her community is outstanding.

Biegalle congratulated her; great person and great friend.

Schneider stated his gratitude to be part of this community and Council; has great pride, care and concern for this community. This County has the finest law enforcement and Chief Andres will continue with the high standards and commitment this department has.

Fedell agreed with Schneider and stated that we have the finest group of law enforcement officers in the City, County and State who all deserve our support; congratulated Chief Andres.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Biegalle