



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

March 9, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fedell called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Palmiter, support by Hikade to approve the agenda adding under "New Business" item "F" a second pay request #14 . AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mast, support by Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 02/09/15 and accounts payable of \$69,440.83, \$14,652.43, \$64,374.07, \$46,645.93 \$32,152.72, \$6,288.69, \$106,053.86, \$15,678.48, \$2,894.70 and \$371.00. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

Fedell read the proclamation of support for April 7, 2015 as National Service Recognition Day. Motion by Mast, support by Johnson to approve proclamation. AIF/MC

Fedell noted that the minutes from the Personnel Committee meeting on the City Manager's annual review were in the packets. Fedell stated that Schneider had done very well on being able to find funding/monies/grants to offset City project costs. Schneider was able to obtain a low rate of financing for the water system project. Palmiter stated that this was third year the auditors noted a clean audit with no problems.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

N/A

MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider is looking at the possibility of more sidewalks in the City along Division Street. He is currently working on a "Notice of Intent" for a Hazardous Mitigation Grant and briefly explained the grant and what it covers. The City would have to have 25% of the project costs. He also noted that some Council member's terms are up the end of the year and the deadline for paperwork is July 21, 2015

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Wight stated his department has been trying to keep residents' water lines open as some have frozen pipes; he also explained why the City does not recommend the use of welders to unthaw lines. Schneider clarified that the water line freezes are due to weeks of cold weather. The DPW assisting homeowners is a courtesy and not required by ordinance as these lines are the homeowner's responsibility and not a problem with the City's water system.

Chief Andres noted that everyone has been positive in the Police Department and their department's clearance rate of cases is preliminarily at 74%. She is sending Officer Dornbos to a training to become a crime prevention officer

in which he will be able to help educate the community/businesses regarding law and crime. She thanked Council again for their support.

Larry Lethorn, County Commission, stated that they are again looking at establishing the Muskegon River Task Force for a second year. He also wanted to explain the controversy at the Board of Commissioners meeting surrounding statements made by an officer at the Sheriff's Department which made the news. He stated that as a commissioner the remarks that were made by that officer should have been caught right away and he stated that Sheriff Hedlund handled the situation very well and the officer was disciplined.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Walerczyk, support by Day to appoint Christina Golm (new library director) to the TIFA/LDFA Board to fill a vacancy left by Dennis Caplis (previous library director) who is retiring. AIF/MC

Motion by Hikade, support by Mast to adopt Ordinance 15-02 which approves the creation of NEDO (Newaygo Economic Development Organization) Board. AIF/MC Schneider explained the board, that this is the formal way to establish it, and that the board is mostly advisory. There was discussion and questions from a couple Council members. AIF/MC

Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to approve Pay Request #11, Contract 2 – Well, Well House and Iron Removal System Project, Pay Request #6, Contract 3 for the Storage Tank Construction for the Well, Well House and Iron Removal System Project and Water Project Draw Request #13 and #14. Schneider explained that these should close out this project and that draw request #14 is the remainder of unspent funds that will be used for meter upgrades. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Day, support by Palmiter to approve a three year audit extension proposal with Brickley DeLong our current City auditors. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Hikade has placed a call to Michigan Municipal League (MML) asking them to do an article on the City of Newaygo. They are interested and Hikade is looking for topics to discuss in the article; call him with any ideas.

Mast commended Schneider as City Manager and Lethorn for providing updates to the Council. He also noted that he has not noticed KFC's red lights on their sign since last meeting. Schneider contacted them and asked them to tone down and they have.

Schneider noted the monthly fire department report was handed out and thanked Council; he enjoys working with each and every one of them as well as the staff at the City. Council is forward focused.

Fedell thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Biegalle