



## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

### April 13, 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 Day, support by Palmiter to approve the agenda adding under "New Business" item "F" a brief discussion on a joint proclamation regarding recognition for National Service day. AIF/MC

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Walerczyk, support by Hikade to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 03/09/15 and accounts payable of \$15,237.48, \$25,439.96, \$129,528.67, \$213,472.11, \$40,915.65, \$10,216.68, \$990.00, \$11,706.86, \$162.92 and \$497.87. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

#### **RESERVED TIME**

New library director unable to make this month's meeting.

Schneider went over the budget in detail, noting that budget was in very good shape and majority of funds are all coming in under budget at this time. Everything is on track to end well for the fiscal year.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

N/A

#### **MANAGERS REPORT**

Schneider had a few items to bring to Council's attention. Looking at removing and replanting trees in the cemetery as mentioned before as well as doing some more thinning of the oaks in Shaw Park. Brooks Park has a couple trees that are in bad shape that need to be removed as well as some dead trees along Quarterline Hill. Schneider mentioned that the City's ISO rating was being re-evaluated due to the new water system; a better rating may help residents' homeowner's insurance rates. The inspection of the elevated water tower is taking place on 05/04/15 at which time the water tower will be completely drained for several days. Schneider is applying for a grant to help with building a flood wall around one of the lift stations that is located by the river. The City will be looking at some type of storm drain project by the elementary schools due to the excessive standing water in that area. Next fiscal year the City will be looking at purchasing a new police cruiser and will be looking at a 4x4 as well as a grant to help with the additional costs of the vehicle. There is a problem with dog waste in the City cemetery; the City will be looking at ways to mitigate this problem. Johnson would like to see something done with the "Christmas" tree in front of City Hall; it looks bad/sparse and needs to be replaced.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Wight stated his department is working on clean-up from the winter. Doing GPS on all the fire hydrants in the City and we actually have 25 more hydrants than ISO thought we had; good news.

Chief Andres noted that we just graduated three new reserve officers and the Marshall Park Vigil will be on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.  
Larry Lethorn, County Commission, gave Council an update on the 911 collaboration and that everything should be up and online mid-June.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

N/A

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to support the Planning Commission's denial of the special use approval for a car sales and r at 404 Adams (MI Affordable, Used Cars/Attention 2 Detail & Graphics). Paul Singh of B & F Party Store and David Dean, previous owner of 404 Adams, were present to discuss their problems, issues and concerns with the current business being ran at 404 Adams. Schneider also noted that the current business owner of 404 Adams (Jeremy Ogg) has only been allowed and approved for three businesses inside the building but anything outside the building has not been approved. Schneider had talked with Ogg and offered several suggestions/options and to go back to planning with.

Motion by Palmiter, support by Mast to approve Resolution 15-04 which accepts the delinquent special assessments from the City Treasurer. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Mast, support by Palmiter to approve Resolution 15-05 which approves the NCRA fiscal year budget for 2015 - 2016. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Hikade, support by Palmiter to approve Resolution 15-06 which amends the budget for the General Fund, City Offices department, for lintel repair of the City Hall windows (Capital Outlay). Schneider stated that the current lintels above the windows are sagging and rusted. A mason stated they needed to be replaced and a pre-cast concrete lintel is the most cost effective way to go. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Day, support by Walerczyk to approve the use of Brooks Park for several upcoming events/festivals for the 2015 calendar year by the River Country Chamber of Commerce. AIF/MC

Last month a proclamation was passed by Council regarding National Service Day Recognition. Fedell stated that the organization requested that all the area mayors do a joint proclamation and sign which they did on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Fedell is requesting that his new/revised proclamation be added to the official record and be made available to the public. Motion by Palmiter, support by Day. AIF/MC

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Day stated he has been seeing a lot of activity in the cemetery by the DPW; commends them for working hard and in the rain.

Hikade assuming the barrels and cones along M-37 at the top of the hill are because of the new Gerber Federal Credit Union going in; Schneider told him he was correct.

Mast had a nice conversation with a Mr. Bowman from KFC regarding the bright lights on their sign; Mast stated that KFC is more than willing to work with the City and they are even making changes to their Big Rapids KFC sign as well.

Biegalle reminded everyone of the upcoming May 5<sup>th</sup> election.

Schneider seconded Day's comments on the great work of the DPW and stated that the DPW recently received an e-mail complimenting the DPW's work. Also, reminded Council that the latest fire report is in their packets.

Fedell thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Biegalle