



## **MINUTES**

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

### **May 11, 2015**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Presiding officer: Mayor Pro-Tem Palmiter  
Secretary: Clerk, Kim Biegalle

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

Motion by Hikade, support by Day to excuse absent member. AIF/MC

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Marilyn Dawson, 159 Quarterline, wanted to let Council know that the kids are coming down Quarterline hill on scooters very fast and she is concerned about their safety.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mast, support by Hikade to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 04/13/15 and accounts payable of \$12,412.68, \$19,596.23, \$434.73, \$13,887.03, \$13,066.98 and \$753.61. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: Fedell Nay: None. CARRIED

#### **RESERVED TIME**

Schneider introduced Council to the new library director, Christina Golm. Golm handed out information on the summer ready program and mentioned that Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> is a Centennial Celebration at the library from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Motion by Day, support by Walerczyk at 7:08 pm to open the public hearing to discuss and take comment on the proposed 2015 – 2016 budget. Schneider went over the new fiscal budget in detail; not a whole lot of change from last year's budget. Schneider did highlight a couple differences. No comments from the public. Motion by Hikade, support by Mast at 7:27 pm to close public hearing. AIF/MC

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **MANAGERS REPORT**

Schneider handed out a photo to Council members of the new concrete lintels that have now been replaced over the windows. Two trees have been removed, one in front of the library and one in Brooks Park however there are a couple more trees that are dead and need to be removed. Schneider also stated that he has been contacted by some Hess/Brooks Lake residents who are interested in reopening talks regarding hooking up to the City's sewer treatment plant.

##### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Wight stated that the water system has a program that allows the shutting down of the water tower while still maintaining pressure in the City. The elevated water tower was inspected last week and the interior is in good shape and currently does not need any repairs.

Chief Andres noted that there is a traveling Michigan Vietnam Veteran wall that will be traveling through Newaygo on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and also reminded Council of the Marshall Memorial Park Vigil on the 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Biegalle stated that the May 5<sup>th</sup> election went very well with 288 voters, 62 of which were Absent Voters; large turnout for the City for just a one proposal election.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Motion by Hikade, support by Mast to approve Resolution 15-07 which adopts the Newaygo Fire District's budget for fiscal year 2015 - 2016. Schneider noted that the special assessment process still needs to be done but the fire board is still working with Garfield Township; looks like this assessment will be on the City's winter tax bill. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: Fedell Nay: None. CARRIED
- Motion by Day, support by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 15-08 which amends the TIFA/LDFA and PSD budgets for fiscal year 2014 – 2015. Schneider noted that the respective boards have already approved the amendments. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: Fedell Nay: None. CARRIED
- Motion by Johnson, support by Day to approve Resolution 15-09 which adopts the City budget for fiscal year 2015 - 2016. Schneider did mention that in the General Fund, Parks Department the Riverfront Park Phase I swing/playground costs could be doubled and is not reflected in the current numbers but can be amended at a later date. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: Fedell Nay: None. CARRIED
- Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to approve the Capital Improvement Program budget (Tab 12 in budget books). Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: Fedell Nay: None. CARRIED
- Motion by Walerczyk, support by Mast to approve Resolution 15-10 which adopts the 2015 – 2016 City millage levy. Schneider stated there is no change from last year's rate. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: Fedell Nay: None. CARRIED
- Motion by Hikade, support by Johnson to table Resolution 15-11 which deals with an amendment to the City's Retirement Health Savings (RHS) Plan and it's definition of "Spouse". Schneider briefly explained what the amended was in regards too. AIF/MC
- Motion by Johnson, support by Hikade, to approve Resolution 15-12 which exercise's the City's right to exempt itself from the requirements of PA 152 of 2011 (health insurance) for coverage beginning 08/01/15. AIF/MC
- Motion by Walerczyk, support by Mast to approve the lease agreement with Wisner Rents Canoes at Riverfront Park Phase II. AIF/MC
- Motion by Mast, support by Walerczyk to approve the Family of God Community Church of Newaygo's request to hold a jazz concert in Brooks Park on Wednesday, May 22, 2015 from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm. AIF/MC
- Motion by Day, support by Hikade to approve the Family of God Community Church of Newaygo to hold an accordion band concert in Brooks Park on Thursday, June 25, 2015 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.
- Motion by Johnson, support by Hikade to approve Velma Matson Upper Elementary School – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to have a picnic in Brooks Park on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2:00 pm. AIF/MC
- Motion by Walerczyk, support by Day to approve the use of Brooks Park by Newaygo Public Schools to serve free lunches from June 15<sup>th</sup> through August 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:30 pm to 12:55 pm, Monday through Friday. AIF/MC

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeremy Ogg, 404 Adams, wanted to introduce himself to Council. Stated he was currently working with the Planning Commission and his neighbors to improve his business and stance in the community. Thanked Schneider for his help in the process.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Day asked if there was any activity on the assisted living facility. Schneider stated that they were moving forward. Johnson would like to see some lighting at the clock courtyard downtown; seating there but no lighting. He would also like to see an emergency call system instead of a siren system. Chief Andres stated there is a program currently in the works and training on that will be taking place in June; more updates once that is completed. Mast would like to see Council packets go paperless; use some kind of tablet or laptop device. Council members were not opposed and Schneider stated the City would look into it. Palmiter thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. Motion by Hikade, supported by Johnson to adjourn the meeting. AIF/MC Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Biegalle