



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

July 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fedell called the meeting to order at 7:01 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:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Walerczyk, support by Hikade to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 06/22/15 and accounts payable of \$12,748.71, \$11,702.45, \$76,555.01, \$11,205.77, \$2,286.69, \$2,241.00, and \$672.55. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: Nay: None.
CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

Holly Moon, County Treasurer, came for her annual visit and to update the City Council on the happenings of her office and some changes they have made. She stated the City has one of the lowest delinquency rates in the County and no foreclosures this year.

Stewart Sanders, County Register of Deeds, came to update the Council on some of the happenings in his office. They are currently scanning and indexing all their liber books which will take several more years to complete. He also talked about new technology/software his department is looking into to streamline procedures in the future. He presented the City with copies of the original deeds to establish the property City Hall currently is built on and gave the Council some history of the property and how it came to be.

Larry Lethorn, County Commission, stated that the project at Sandy Beach is moving forward. There were a couple of issues in the parking lot area but they are resolved and Phase I of the project (boat launch/parking lot) are almost complete.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider updated Council on some more information he obtained on solar energy and at this time he stated it is not feasible for the City to pursue. He received some quotes on cleaning of the elevated water tower and one was \$2,800; it should be cleaned in the next couple of months. The City passed step one of the grant for the police vehicle grant and are moving on to the second phase which will be a public hearing at the next Council meeting. The City continues to look at putting sidewalks down Division Street from the Industrial Park to Quarterline Rd. Schneider has personally spoke to all the property owners, who were all in favor, might need to obtain easements but sidewalks will be put in at no charge to the property owners. Windows and lintels project at City Hall are all complete. Schneider handed out an aerial of the Vera Wilson/Velma Matson area. Schools are looking at some options in that area and may request the vacation of a portion of Park Street between Post Street and Main Street; Council was not opposed to doing that if need be. Lastly, Michigan Municipal League will be doing an article on

the City of Newaygo for their fall issue and will most likely focus on The Stream; this was spurred due to Council member Hikade contacting MML.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated that the retirement facility on Cooperative Drive, The Brook, is already putting walls up. He also informed Council that there would be some trees trimmed back from the road area going into Riverfront Park Phase I; will look similar to what was done on Quarterline Rd.

Officer Walerczyk informed Council that six AED's were purchased. He also gave a brief demonstration on how they work and where they were located.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 15-15 which allows the City to set up and enter into a interlocal Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Division agreement along with Brooks Township through the Newaygo Area Fire District. Jason Wolford, Fire Chief, was present to explain to Council what this agreement was, how it worked and what it entailed. AIF/MC

Motion by Mast, support by Palmiter to approve Resolution 15-16 which appoints Art Westcott to replace Dave Chambers on the City's Board of Review through 12/31/16. AIF/MC

Motion by Palmiter, support by Day to approve voting on MML Work Comp ballot for their Trustee's positions. AIF/MC

Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to approve the use of Riverfront Park Phase I pavilion by Newaygo County Great Start (non-profit) to hold a family picnic on Tuesday, July 21st from 10:00 am until 2:30 pm. AIF/MC

Motion by Palmiter, support by Johnson to approve the use of Brooks Park by Wayne Kaufmann and several local churches to have a free BBQ and evangelistic entertainment on Sunday, August 23rd from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joyce Carpenter, 39 W. Wood Street, is concerned about the City's cemetery. She thinks that gofers are taking the cemetery over causing the ground to be unsteady and that is why some of the tombstones have fallen over. She would like to see the City straighten some of the tombstones and fix/repair them and the foundations. Wight stated that he doesn't believe there to be a gofer problem; that it is a combination of many things. Discussion on some possible ideas and ways to fix the cemetery; currently the City doesn't have equipment to lift and straighten the tombstones.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Biegalle