



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

August 10, 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:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Walerczyk, support by Mast to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 07/13/15 and accounts payable of \$10,063.38, \$8,819.50, \$2,113.61, \$18,027.95, \$16,065.56, \$605.20, \$24,106.01, \$34,053.09, \$107,762.95, \$1,160.25, \$103.00 and \$54.00. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

Motion by Palmiter, support by Day at 7:02 pm to open public hearing to discuss and take comments on the police car grant request. AIF/MC Schneider gave Council an update on the grant request. The City has made it through the eligibility phase. Police Department looked at a couple of four wheel drive vehicles and prefers the Ford Interceptor. If awarded the City would receive approximately \$11,200 towards the purchase of a new police vehicle. Chief Andres informed the Council on why the Interceptor was chosen; it's the first four wheel drive SUV that has been pursuit rated. Questions were answered; public present but no comments made. Motion by Day, support by Palmiter at 7:10 pm to close public hearing. AIF/MC

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider and Wight have been looking into the possibility of fixing gravestones, etc. at the cemetery as this was mentioned at the last Council meeting. Wight has talked to neighboring townships to see what they have done as well as talked to Postma Monument and several excavation companies. Currently the City does not have the proper equipment and would either need to purchase or rent; both of which are not in the budget at this time. Schneider stated that the water tower is now cleaned and that MAC (Michigan Agriculture Commodities) will be doing some work and fixing the railroad crossing at River Street. Schneider informed Council of an e-mail from Rachel Wisner regarding the dumpsters, port-a-jons and other items down by the river and also explained what the City's response was.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated several roads within the City will be getting paved or chip sealed starting the week of August 17th and going until the 28th; he also gave the road locations that will be worked on. The public will be informed as best as possible.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to approve Resolution 15-17 which sets the date and schedule of notice for the public hearing on the 2015-2016 fire protection special assessment roll. Schneider explained the current lack of agreement with Garfield Township and that there is a Fire Board meeting this week. The Fire Board is hoping that some representatives from Garfield Township show up to discuss. Currently Garfield Township and the Newwaygo Area Fire District have no agreement in place. Schneider stated that both the City and Brooks Township are moving forward with setting the millage for the fire department so it can be funded for the current budget year. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: Nay: None. CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joyce Carpenter, 39 W. Wood Street, had some questions regarding the fire board which were answered.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Day was at the cemetery and stated that it looks good; mowed and trimmed and wants to thank the DPW and workers for doing such a good job!
Johnson noticed an overflow parking area at Riverfront Park Phase I and was very pleased.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Biegalle