



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

September 14, 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

Dwayne Pride, 466 Atkinson, Sparta stated his park approval for Loomis/Shaw Park was suppose be on this agenda.

This was added as item "C" under Reserved Time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mast, support by Walerczyk to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 08/10/15 and accounts payable of \$66,299.40, \$9,749.00, \$507.92, \$90,548.01, \$25,329.56, \$67,687.00, \$34,961.64, \$161,476.62, \$89,435.14, \$1,530,630.72, \$94,990.75, \$271,526.45 and \$4,602.49. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

Motion by Hikade, support by Day to open public hearing to discuss and take comments on the Fire District Special Assessment Roll. AIF/MC Schneider reviewed the millage rate and amount to be collected. No comments made by Council or audience. Motion by Palmiter, support by Johnson to close public hearing. AIF/MC

Chief Andres formally introduced to Council and audience newly appointed Sergeant Lloyd Walerczyk. Sgt. Walerczyk has been with the City since 2001, was very deserving of this honor and has the full support of his department. Hikade stated Walerczyk is a tremendous asset to the City and Schneider complimented him on his growth over the years and his ability to continue to learn.

Motion by Walerczyk, support by Hikade to approve a park request for a wedding/reception at Loomis Lodge/Shaw Park for Saturday, June 4, 2016. Approved by both the Police Department and City Manager but also needed Council approval due to the amount of attendees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider stated he was asked to present on placemaking and technology at the MML Convention and will be attending this Thursday and Friday. He pointed out an article in MML magazine highlighting Newaygo and The Stream. Schneider stated that Andy Lofgren has left NCEDO and stated that organization hired The Right Place out of Grand Rapids to run the day-to-day operations. Schneider was also asked to be on a committee to help in the selection process of a new County Administrator. There is currently a vacancy on the Planning Commission that needs to be filled. The fire agreement with Garfield Township has been extended until February 2016 with Hikade being part of a sub-committee to negotiate further future agreements. Street repairs are now completed with the majority of the roads being chip sealed; Schneider explained the benefits of chip sealing over regular asphalt paving.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Larry Lethorn, County Commissioner, stated that the move to hire The Right Place to run NCEDO was good and mentioned that the County is moving in the direction of finding a new County Administrator. There will be a public hearing on September 22nd at 7:00 pm at the County Administration building to get citizen input. The Board of Commissioners adopted a new budget last week and he noted some areas where there was a deficit (i.e. Road Patrol and Animal Control). They will be looking into slightly increasing some of the fees related to animal control and dog licenses.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to approve Resolution 15-18 which confirms the special assessment roll, establishes a lien and provides for the payment and collection of special assessments for the Fire Board. There was a couple changes that were noted that had to be made to the resolution and they were clarified with Council. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Hikade, support by Day to approve Resolution 15-19 which establishes the funding level of 1.89937 for the Newaygo Area Fire District for fiscal year 2015- 2016. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: Nay: None. CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Christina Golm, Library Director, handed out a pamphlet of a new county wide program targeted at pre-kindergarten children. She briefly explained the program and prizes.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Walerczyk would like to see some updated pictures in the City Hall hallways; add to them with some pictures a friend of hers has taken of some of the landmarks that are current pictures. She will see if her friend is willing to donate some pictures.

Hikade wondered if the two open Fire Board positions that were Garfield’s could be replaced with one member from Brooks Township and one from the City. Schneider stated that the current plan would have to be amended.

Palmiter brought up some of the history of Newaygo and how the County seat used to be here; would like to see research and maybe an article on this history event.

Schneider stated that a new fire report was handed out; mentioned the tennis courts at Henning were recently refurbished and relined and the City has received compliments on the soccer fields.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Biegalle