



## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

### October 12, 2015

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fedell called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Johnson, support by Palmiter to approve the agenda as written. AIF/MC

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Palmiter, support by Day to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 09/14/15 and accounts payable of \$140.00, \$42,997.31, \$69,258.20, \$18,176.82, \$1,170.00, \$11,445.82, \$20,666.52 and \$14,244.97. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: Nay: None. CARRIED

#### **RESERVED TIME**

Schneider went over the City's first quarter budget review. Schneider explained a few lines items that were slightly over projections at this time but the budget is right on target for the year. Most of the overages were due to having to crush concrete this year, tree trimming throughout the City and the road paving/work that was just completed. A couple Council members had questions in which Schneider responded. Palmiter stated that he met with the City auditors who had good things to say about the City Manager and staff during their recent audit.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **MANAGERS REPORT**

Schneider stated that the Planning Commission is still looking for a member to fill a vacancy. He reminded Council that he attended the MML Convention in Traverse City and presented. A company, Mobilitie, has contacted the City regarding putting up eight utility poles with antennae on the top of them to help redistribute cell phone signals; may need to work on an agreement and bring back to Council next month. Several Council members had questions and would like to see where this company is proposing to place the poles. Schneider mentioned the City just was re-rated for fire protection and received a better rate which could potentially give homeowners a better insurance premium rate. There was also some discussion with Council on the pine tree in the front of City Hall; it is in bad shape. It was decided to trim the bottom branches and look at replanting a new tree in the spring.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, informed the Council that the streets are currently being striped and the parking lots will be done next week.

Chief Andres stated that the new police car has been ordered and should be in around December.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Hikade, support by Palmiter to approve the purchase agreement, with possible minor changes and due diligence work/costs (survey, environmental assessment costs, closing costs) as well as to amend the City Council budget adding \$50,000 for due diligence work and purchasing price. Schneider mentioned that this property is in the downtown and adjacent to the north parking lot and could potentially be used for additional parking. It had been mentioned at a previous Council meeting that should these kinds of properties become available, the City would be interested in purchasing. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Mast, Walerczyk Absent: Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Day, support by Hikade to approve and vote for the MML’s Liability & Property Pool Board of Directions ballot as presented. AIF/MC

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Walerczyk said she is working with a photographer friend on obtaining five to six current pictures of the City/downtown area for City Hall walls. Schneider suggested a picture taken from the Velma Matson looking down on the City as well.

Hikade was pleased that the bumps on M-37 through the City were fixed; didn’t know if Lethorn pushed for that to happen.

Schneider stated that there is a new fire report in Council packets as well as training information for the Council.

Fedell reminded everyone of the upcoming election on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Biegalle