



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

December 12, 2016

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, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk
Absent: N/A

Motion by Hikade, support by Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Day, support by Walerczyk to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 11/14/16 and accounts payable of \$25,155.26, \$35,721.83, \$37,722.71, \$25,753.13, \$13,188.30, \$982.68 and \$2,353.47. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

The following resolutions were also approved by Consent Agenda with Resolution 16-30 removed and to be discussed as a separate item. Motion by Hikade, support by Palmiter to separate Resolution 16-30 out for discussion. Motion carried by Day, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana and Walerczyk; opposed by Fedell:

- A. Motion to approve Resolution 16-23 which re-appoints Wayne Fetterley, Ron Wight and Lee Black to the Planning Commission for three year terms
- B. Motion to approve Resolution 16-24 which re-appoints Morgan Heinzman and appoints Mark Guzniczak and Aaron Leestma to the TIFA/LDFA Board for four year terms and appoints Kelly Tinkham to fill a vacancy through 12/31/17
- C. Motion to approve Resolution 16-25 re-appointing Ed Fedell and Jane Parsley and appointing Teresa Cooper for three year terms to the PSD (Principal Shopping District) Board
- D. Motion to approve Resolution 16-26 which re-appoints Jon Schneider to the Building Authority for a four year term
- E. Motion to approve Resolution 16-27 which re-appoints Art Westcott, Wayne Fetterley and Bob Siders to the Board of Review for three year terms
- G. Motion to approve Resolution 16-28 which re-appoints Art Westcott to the Election Commission for a four year term and appoints Mike King to fill a vacancy through 12/31/18
- H. Motion to approve Resolution 16-29 which appoints Mike Burns to the Newaygo Area District Library Board for a four year term
- I. Motion to approve Resolution 16-31 which sets the regular dates for Council, Planning and TIFA for the 2017 calendar year

Motion by Johnson, support by Day to approve Resolution 16-30 which appoints members to the newly formed NEDO (Newaygo Economic Development Office) Board for staggered terms. Motion carried by Day, Fedell, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana and Walerczyk; opposed by Hikade. Council members Hikade and Palmiter had several questions regarding the NEDO Board and its members. They asked if there were by-laws, who the chairperson is/will be, who are some of these board members and who will be providing the Council the board minutes and information about this board's meetings. Fedell stated that the Mayor appoints board members with confirmation of City Council and there are currently no by-laws, just the ordinance and the chair will be decided at the first

meeting. Hikade has concerns about making sure the taxpayers are represented on this board. Santana asked who this board will report to; Fedell stated ultimately Council, just as every other committee and board. Johnson stated that he is on this board and will represent the taxpayer and community. Fedell went over every board member and gave a brief description of them to Council. Schneider stated that the minutes will be passed on to the Council packets but these meetings are open to the public and anyone can attend; recommended these members be appointed.

RESERVED TIME

Patrick Mutchler of Brickley DeLong presented the City's audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. He went through the audit book, hit some highlights and stated that the City received a clean opinion. Stated Schneider did an great job on the "Management's Discussion and Analysis" portion of the audit and the City staff also do a good job and are very helpful to the audit team.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider mentioned that he would have a document from the City attorney next month regarding the fire district and truck purchase. The document will allow for some flexibility if necessary. Regarding the wastewater treatment plant, Schneider stated that the City has to do a new full permit application and not a modified one. Going to try to get a permit for year round discharge and hopefully be able to rate the plant at a higher capacity. He is currently working on a USDA grant.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated that his department has the Christmas decorations up and is working on snow plowing.

Wert-Carr of The Stream gave an update on the façade grant they are assisting some of the downtown businesses with and talked about Sui Generis and their new store opening. She also mentioned that there was some interest in Sui Generis' previous location, some interest in some available space on the first floor of The Stream as well as some events happening at The Stream by the Newaygo Middle School students; entrepreneur club.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Santana, support by Palmiter to approve amending the Newaygo County Solid Waste Management Plan to allow export of solid waste to Wayne County. Council members Johnson and Hikade abstained from the vote as Nestle-Gerber is their employer. AIF/MC

Motion by Hikade, support by Palmiter to approve the donation agreement for the property on Fremont Street/E. M-82. AIF/MC Schneider stated there was no change to the document which had been presented to Council previously. He has a signed document from the property owner and just needed Council's final approval.

Motion by Walerczyk, support by Santana to approve the "Notice of Intent" to apply to Rural Development for a grant and/or loan. This would be published in the paper in December, a resolution would be presented to Council in January and then there is a 45 day citizen response waiting period before process continues. AIF/MC Schneider explained that the amount requested doesn't necessarily mean it is the amount the City commits to. This amount fixes the liner as well as other items that would be for future expansion. Johnson asked if the City gets a loan, if rates would be raised. Schneider responded that rates would need to be raised.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Day mentioned he had seen that Verizon may be putting a tower down Croton Road and wondered if the City knew anything; Schneider responded that he had not.

Walerczyk thanked Fedell for the explanation of the board members for Resolution 16-30.

Hikade stated he wants NEDO to be successful, wants to see growth in the City; he will wait and see what happens. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Palmiter stated to Schneider and City staff that they did a good job on the audit.

Johnson said that the Fremont Police Department have an active shooter class and asked if the Newaygo Police were aware; Sgt. Walerczyk stated Newaygo Police already does this class and offers to area businesses. Johnson stated it may be a good class for the Council to go through.

Santana stated that his church has done a similar class and found it very helpful. Loves that he can ski in town and appreciates the DPW for their plowing.

Schneider felt the City was ending the year on a good note.
Fedell thanked the Council and officers for their service.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Biegalle