



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

February 13, 2017

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, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk

Absent:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Santana, support by Walerczyk to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 01/09/17 and special meeting minutes of 01/16/17 and accounts payable of \$24,055.29, \$19,362.54, \$13,656.60, \$20,318.45, \$20,563.45, \$29,533.55, \$23,692.61, \$109,571.35, \$762.47 and \$614.82. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scott Swinehart from the River Country Chamber of Commerce was present to give some updates and happenings going on at the Chamber. He will try and give updates quarterly.

MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider gave Council an update on the bidding for the property at 77 Wood St. as well as letting the Council know that the Christensen property, located up by Fremont Street, which was donated to the City, will be closed on this week. He touched on the happenings with the new NEDO (Newaygo Economic Development Organization) Board and that a position at The Stream was eliminated. Garden Club is in need of volunteers.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, is continuing to work with the DEQ and has been switching lights out around City Hall and the south parking lot.

Chief Andres stated that on April 8th the Police Department will be 150 years old and a celebration is being planned. She also passed out preliminary survey results on the Police department. Santana complimented the police department on professionalism during a recent incident involving a friend of his. Schneider also noted he was informed by a citizen that Officer Rood went an extra mile as well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Hikade, support by Johnson at 7:33 pm to go into closed session. AIF/MC Motion by Day, support by Walerczyk at 7:59 pm to re-open Council meeting. AIF/MC

Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to authorize and direct the City Manager and City's legal counsel to negotiate an administrative consent order to be issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality including terms and conditions as discussed during this evening's closed session and to authorize and direct the Mayor and City Clerk to execute that administrative consent order on behalf of the City. AIF/MC

Motion by Santana, support by Johnson to approve the application to Rural Development for the sewer system project funding and to give permission to the City Manager and Mayor to sign all documentation. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider directed Council to the information in their packets and noted the City would be asking for funding on the third alternative. He explained the budget for the project, noted the effect to the budget if the City were to get absolutely no grant funding and how that would be covered. Schneider noted that the DPW is constantly looking at ways to bring the costs down. This application does not lock the City into anything at this time.

Motion by Hikade, support by Palmiter to approve the "Non-disclosure Agreement" relating to the Digital Works program that will be taking place at The Stream. Schneider briefly explained the agreement. The TIFA Board has already approved this agreement and also needs Council approval. First class will take place after spring break.

Motion by Day, support by Palmiter to approve Resolution 17-05 which appoints Mike King to fill a vacancy on the Newaygo Area Fire board effective immediately through 12/31/17. AIF/MC

Motion by Walerczyk, support by Palmiter to approve the use of Brooks Park for several upcoming events/festivals for the 2017 calendar year by the River Country Chamber of Commerce. AIF/MC

Schneider went over a report from MML (Michigan Municipal League) that was put in the Council packets. He wanted to keep Council informed on the State's financial situation. MML is looking at how local units of government are funded and needs to be restructured.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Santana disappointed in the lack of snow to go skiing through the City.

Schneider stated that there are several reports and minutes in the Council packets to look at and read.

Fedell thanked everyone for coming out.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Biegalle