



## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

### September 10, 2018

#### **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: Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk  
Absent: N/A

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Palmiter, support by Ederer to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 8/03/18 and accounts payable of \$108.46, \$18,979.94, \$14,852.01, \$51,398.95, \$166,994.27, \$193,811.51, \$286,960.36, \$34,674.43, \$1,876.28, \$919,189.08, \$1,203.69 and \$1,473.46 Roll Call: Yeas: Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

#### **RESERVED TIME**

Motion by Hikade, support by Johnson at 7:04 pm to open public hearing to discuss and take comment on the Magna Mirrors of America Inc. Tax Abatement request. AIF/MC Representatives from Magna were present and gave a presentation on the history of Magna, statistics of their employees and information on Magna locations. Council Members asked questions related to property that Magna currently leases and about a time frame of the project which Magna answered. Magna stated that the current plan is for construction to be completed by September 2019. Motion by Palmiter, support by Ederer at 7:10 pm to close public hearing. AIF/MC

#### **COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS**

Scott Swinehart, River Country Chamber of Commerce Chairman, was present to give the Council an update. He discussed the success and growth of the Labor Day Logging Festival. Swinehart discussed the funding of Chamber and community events. He said that they would like to start discussions with the Council and other City Boards about funding options.  
Schneider discussed information in packets related to NEDO updates.

#### **CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

Schneider discussed new parking around City Hall during the Logging Festival and said that it all seemed to go very well. He stated that himself, the Fire Board and Police Department have been discussing whether it makes sense to adopt the State Fire Code. Schneider showed Council "Thank you Card" received from Escanaba for City's donation toward the fight against improper tax valuations.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, discussed the pricing information for Street Paving, which Council had received a handout. Schneider stated that they will be going through Street Paving pricing to determine which streets are the highest priority and fit within this year's budget.

Chief Andres updated Council on Bella, the K9, and Officer Nelson, her handler. She went over highlights of the Police Annual Report for 2017 that was included in Council Packets. Chief discussed the success of the Muskegon River Task Force.

Ryan Dornbos, Crime Prevention Police Officer, discussed the Police Statistics thus far for 2018. He gave an update on Mitch Rood, School Assigned Police Officer and discussed the status of True Blue Network Academy.

Mark Fellows, Code Enforcement Officer, gave an update and said that he issued 140 tags over the summer, but only 5 resulted in citations. He stated that the biggest challenge was political signs and continual issues with parking and garbage at the Riverfront Park II.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Hikade, support by Johnson to approve Resolution 18-30 which approves the Magna Mirrors of America Inc. Tax Abatement. Roll Call: Yeas: Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Palmiter, support by Ederer to approve the Tax Abatement Agreement with Magna. Roll Call: Yeas: Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Ederer, support by Palmiter to approve the Assessor, Dan Kirwin's Contract. Roll Call: Yeas: Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Hikade, support by Johnson to approve the Active Shooter Mutual Aid Agreement. Roll Call: Yeas: Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Ederer commended Fellows for a good job.

Hikade asked Chris Ortwein, Newaygo County Commissioner, who was in the audience about the proposal on the ballot for the upcoming Election related to the user fee for 911 Dispatch. Ortwein explained the history of the user fee for 911 Dispatch and the process followed to place on the ballot. Hikade stated appreciates the effort of Fellows and the Newaygo Police Department.

Palmiter said glad to support Magna and told Fellows job well done.

Johnson excited about Magna expansion. He stated that there may be a proposal next Council Meeting about an Art Prize Contest that may be held in Newaygo.

Santana thanked Magna for providing over 1000 employees in Newaygo and stated that their building and land always look so aesthetically pleasing.

Biegalle agreed with Santana on Magna and congratulated Magna on their expansion in Newaygo.

Schneider also agreed with others on excitement of Magna expansion and stated working with Magna has gone very smoothly. He stated that the current City Hall Outdoor Sign has holes in it and that it may be time to look at options to replace the current sign.

Fedell thanked all for coming out.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Biegalle