



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

January 14, 2019

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: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk
Absent: N/A

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 12/10/18 and accounts payable of \$30,979.33, \$25,282.21, \$30,942.29, \$3,429.52, \$19,963.33, \$60,289.40, \$346.10, \$46.70, and \$21.38. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk
Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Ken DeLaat, County Commissioner, gave update on recycling location in Fremont and stated County in process of looking for a medical examiner.

Scott Swinehart, Chairman River Country Chamber of Commerce, discussed Chamber calendar of events for 2019 and the need for event chairs and volunteers. He stated 5 year anniversary of combined Chambers and annual dinner being held at Legends Ranch.

Scott Faulkner, Economic and Community Development Coordinator, discussed information in packets explaining various NEDO project updates. He spoke about Thematics document in packets, discussed meeting with MDOT and Newaygo County Road Commission, and pedestrian bridges being discussed for Muskegon River and Brooks Creek.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider stated that they continue to work with Consumers Power on relocation of light poles and electricity along Quarterline near the new diagonal parking spaces.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated that all Christmas decorations and lights have been removed and they are beginning to work on the budget for next fiscal year.

Chief Andres stated things going good in the Police Department and currently closing all annual reports and will have report results in February.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to approve request by Randy's House, a residential recovery program, to locate their treatment program dwelling units at 48 Justice St., in the City of Newaygo with the following contingencies: occupancy limited per building code and not to exceed what is stated in application, no more than 4 vehicles on site, smoking and congregating allowed only in non-prominent locations and having our Police Department provide a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) review of their plans. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Mike Helmer, Executive Director of Randy's House, was present and stated that Randy's House is licensed in prevention, annually inspected by the State of Michigan, residents adhere to strict policies, rules and guidelines to maintain residency and they do not take violent criminal offenders or sex offenders as residents of their program. Helmer discussed Recovery House Model, time length of program, peer to peer support, work and volunteer requirements, and program policies and guidelines. He stated that priority will be given to Newaygo County residents first and at least one bed will always be available and reserved for Newaygo County residents in need. Helmer said they will adapt policies and guidelines to the community. Council asked questions to Helmer and Chief Andres, which they answered related to: crime statistics, building code, success rate, taxable values, number of residents, locations and housing needs.

Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to approve request by Randy's House, a residential recovery program, to locate their treatment program dwelling units at 68 Quarterline Rd., in the City of Newaygo with the following contingencies: occupancy limited per building code and not to exceed what is stated in application, no more than 4 vehicles on site, smoking and congregating allowed only in non-prominent locations and having our Police Department provide a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) review of their plans. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Mayor Fedell called for a 10 minute recess at 7:46 pm to give public time to clear out or stay.
Mayor Fedell called the meeting back to order at 7:56 pm

Schneider went over the budget in detail; hit some highlights and explained some revenue and expenditures. He stated that over all the majority of departments are up in revenue and down in expenses at this point in the fiscal year.

Motion by Ederer, support by Black to approve Resolution 19-01 to approve amended TIFA budget. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated amended TIFA budget was for museum project.

Motion by Hikade, support by Ederer to approve Resolution 19-02 to approve amended Police Department Budget. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated amended Police budget was for TruNarc equipment, for which they received a grant and will be reimbursed.

Motion by Palmiter, support by Johnson to approve Resolution 19-03 to appoint Kim Goodin as City Clerk. AIF/MC

Motion by Hikade, support by Black to approve 2019 Council Committee Appointments. AIF/MC

Fedell stated that a Public Safety Committee is being formed and he will have more details next month.

Motion by Palmiter, support by Walerczyk to approve the use of Brooks Park, from the Newaygo Area District Library, on Thursday, June 13, 2019 from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm for a Community Celebration. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jonathan Vanwylen, 8589 Pine Point Dr., discussed concern with location of Randy's House relating to Michigan Planning Enabling Act Section 125.3206.

Jason Harris, 190 E. Wood St., discussed concerns with location of Randy's House and codes.

Gabe Schillman, 65 State, stated happy Randy's House here, but doesn't feel location is ideal.

Senator Bumstead said his office is operational in Lansing, discussed his staff and spoke about committee appointments. He complimented Schneider on City's budget.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Walerczyk stated proud Randy's House coming to Newaygo and told Schneider job well done on budget.

Hikade said communication can always be improved. He stated happy Randy's House coming to Newaygo and good job to Schneider on budget.

Palmiter said good job to Schneider on budget, congratulations to Kim Goodin and thanked Kim Biegalle for job well done.

Johnson said a lot of valid points on both sides of debate about Randy's House and discussed possible community forums on regular basis to help communication and understanding.

Black appreciates Schneider's work on budget. He said feels Council made a good decision, but always room for improved communication.

Biegalle said it has been an honor and privilege to work with Council.

Schneider congratulated Kim Biegalle and Kim Goodin, stated blessed to work with a wonderful team and thanked Council for their support.

Fedell stated that a lot of time spent investigating Randy's House and codes and could not find any complaints. He said that he respects everyone's thoughts and inputs and feels Council made the best decision with information presented. Fedell thanked everyone for coming out.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Biegalle