



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

March 11, 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: Deputy Clerk, Kim Biegalle

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

Motion by Ederer, support by Walerczyk to approve the amended agenda moving item "F" under "New Business" to the first item before "A". AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Hikade, support by Palmiter to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 02/11/19 and accounts payable of \$282,026.81, \$35,556.45, \$6,008.01, \$245.56, \$21,779.70, \$1,855.41, \$2,161.73, \$2,160.70, \$36,424.29, \$406.18, \$153,228.32, \$126,181.21, \$6,436.15, \$1,383.39, \$17,738.17, \$171.25 and \$65.76. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Danielle Hummel, Newaygo Area Fire District Board Member, was present to give an update. Board is looking at policies and procedures, working on the budget and strategic planning.

Scott Swinehart, River Country Chamber Chair, mentioned the upcoming Annual Dinner at Legends Ranch and asked that the Chamber be notified of any road closures that might be taking place around any upcoming events.

Schneider gave Faulkner's NEDO update in his absence. Went over the report in the Council packets and touched on some of the suspension bridge costs that are being looked at for Henning and Park Street projects. Schneider mentioned MEDC is very interested in helping financially with the suspension bridge projects.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider talked about the possible costs for the suspension bridges, one at Henning and one at Park Street. He mentioned that the sewer project is starting soon, equipment is getting put into place. Discussed some options with the sludge from one of the sewer lagoons to save money. Schneider updated Council on what has transpired with MAC (Michigan Agricultural Commodities) grain elevator and stated that he was going to be updating/revising a section of the zoning ordinance and starting the process at the Planning Commission meeting on 03/28/19. Still waiting on escrow money for the façade grant and latest tests required, lead and asbestos, are completed. Updated various other items such as working on new budget, new TIFA law requirements, meeting of Personnel Committee, the roundabout at Croton Rd and the pilot striping program for the downtown area south of Quarterline. MDOT meeting on 03/21 from 4 to 6 at The Stream to discuss the bridge construction and new lane striping taking place this summer on M37 north of Quarterline intersection.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

Chief Andres stated the Police Department got a grant and was able to purchase a TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Device which tests drugs through packaging without having to open it. This device will be able to be used around the County by other departments as well. The Police Department applied for another grant for TrueBlue Mentor Academy which has done extremely well its first year, very successful. They will be looking at another possible grant from the Department of Treasury but need a feasibility study first.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Walerczyk, support by Ederer to amend the service agreement with Republic Services to switch from recycle bins to carts and pick up recycling once a month instead of weekly. AIF/MC Matt Biolette from Republic Services showed a PowerPoint presentation to Council and discussed the reason for the amendment.

Motion by Hikade, support by Black to approve Resolution 19-07 which adopts the 2019 Master Plan. AIF/MC

Motion by Palmiter, support by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 19-08 which sets the new fee schedules for the City of Newaygo’s Building Department. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Johnson, support by Palmiter to approve Resolution 19-09 which accepts the delinquent special assessments from the City Treasurer. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Black, support by Hikade to approve the TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Device Equipment Use Agreement. AIF/MC

Motion by Walerczyk, support by Ederer to allow blue ribbons to be placed on the light poles in April in recognition of autism awareness month. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Campbell, 48 Justice St., thanked Council for their approval of Randy’s House and let them know they signed a contract with them on 03/10/19 for a two-year lease.

Danielle Hummel, 9653 Spruce, wanted to state her disappointment in the road changes proposed in the City on M37. Mayor and Schneider clarified it was MDOT that was making the changes scheduled for 2019. Schneider pulled up some drawings from a PowerPoint and explained in detail the changes and Hummel appreciated the information.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Hikade would like to see the City pass something regarding being a Sanctuary City for the 2nd Amendment rights.

Palmiter thanked the Mayor for personally going to his mom’s house to present a Proclamation for her 100th Birthday.

Schneider just wanted to bring to Council’s attention Fremont Area Community Foundation endowment letter in their packets.

Fedell thanked all for coming out.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Deputy Clerk – Kim Biegalle