



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

January 13, 2020

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 Goodin

Roll Call: Present: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk
Absent: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Johnson, support by Black to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 12/09/19 and accounts payable of \$138,831.82, \$364,005.34, \$7,996.14, \$2,651.48, \$206,524.75, \$2,229.17, \$54,735.26, \$195,745.09, \$150.31, and \$77.10. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

Schneider went over the budget in detail; discussed some highlights and explained some revenues and expenditures. He stated that the budget is overall right where it should be and explained a couple of fluctuations.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Ross Nelson, representing the River Country Chamber of Commerce gave an update on new employees hired by the Chamber to assist with Chamber events and the day-to-day activities at The Stream and said that two new board members had joined the Chamber Board.

Scott Faulkner, Economic and Community Development Coordinator, discussed information in packets explaining various NEDO project updates. He discussed the restoration of four downtown Newaygo properties that are in process, gave an update on the status of the pedestrian suspension bridge project and grant opportunity with MEDC, and gave an update on Christian Healthcare Centers. Faulkner stated that Sandmold is looking to sell their building and that he is working with them to relocate their employees to The Stream. He discussed the "draft" Marketing and Branding Strategy updates and said he will be presenting it to TIFA and NEDO and will bring back to Council in February for final approval. Faulkner discussed developers that he has been working with on workforce housing studies in the City of Newaygo. One developer is asking for dollars to produce a feasibility study, site plans and renderings. He discussed the possibility of the City paying for ½ of the feasibility study. Council Members asked questions which Faulkner answered.

Hikade, representing the Newaygo Fire Department stated that updates are being done on water truck and said that new policies have been approved relating to bill paying and fraternization.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider discussed a complaint received against the Police Department relating to a matter from two years ago. He said that nothing has been found thus far, during investigating the complaint, showing any truth to the complaint, but will update Council with results. He stated that his contract is up at the end of May and will be presenting an updated contract for Council to review in the next couple of months. Schneider gave an update on letter from the

Fremont Area Community Foundation (FACF) in packets showing the City's endowment balance at the foundation. Council Members asked what these dollars could be spent on and Schneider stated that the dollars could be spent on anything that is legal for the City to spend money on. He said that the last time money was spent from this account was on AED's.

Motion by Johnson, support by Burns to take \$5,000 from FACF endowment fund and put towards a feasibility study with Rockford Construction contingent that removing funds from endowment and spending on the feasibility study are compliant with all City rules and regulations. Yeas: Burns, Johnson Absent: None Nay: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Walerczyk. MOTION FAILED Council Members discussed contacting other developers, locations developers are looking at in Newaygo, and obtaining additional information related to the need of feasibility study.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Andres handed out a blank formal complaint form for all of Council to view. She stated that the complaint process procedure was adopted in January 2001, and discussed the complaint process. Chief discussed the bi-annual report for the Newaygo Public School Assigned Police Officer that Officer Rood had put together. A copy of the report was handed out to all Council Members. Chief Andres gave an update on Turkey for Tickets, True Blue Academy, and grants they have applied for.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Hikade, support by Ederer to approve 2020 Council Committee Appointments. AIF/MC

Motion by Black, support by Walerczyk to approve Sewer Project Draw Request Number Ten-Payment Request Number Ten. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Hikade, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to approve Ordinance 20-01 which amends sections of Zoning Ordinance Chapter 25-Schedule of Regulations. AIF/MC Schneider stated that the Planning Commission had approved recommendation of Ordinance amendments at their meeting on January 9, 2020. Schneider discussed recommended changes related to: maximum lot coverage, minimum yard setbacks, and sq. footage requirements for single family, two family, townhouses and multiple family dwelling units. He discussed recommended changes to setbacks and parking in Commercial areas.

Motion by Hikade, support by Ederer to approve Easement on Magna parcel for sewer lift station and other public utilities allowing for language changes acceptable with City attorney and giving the Mayor authority to sign the agreement. AIF/MC

Schneider stated that the Personnel Policy Committee met on January 8, 2020, which included Council Member Black, City Manager Schneider and City department heads. Schneider discussed the major recommended changes and said that the last personnel policy updates had occurred in 2004. He said the personnel policy has been submitted to the attorney and would like Council to review for possible adoption at the February Council Meeting.

Motion by Black, support by Burns to approve Resolution 2020-01 in support of the reinstatement of State Historic Tax Credits. AIF/MC

Schneider discussed City Project list that was included in packets and stated that these projects have all been discussed in the past. He said that TIFA had asked for project list and list will be discussed at the January TIFA Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Johnson said he attended "Newly Elected Officials Training" and said it was very worthwhile. He discussed highlights of conversation on Open Meetings Act relating to Social Media.

Black stated he was going to "Newly Elected Officials Training" later in the week and welcomed Erin Burns.

Burns said she is glad to be part of Council and wants to learn as much as possible.

Schneider said Happy New Year and looking forward to a good year. He also welcomed Erin Burns.

Fedell thanked all for coming out.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin