



**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council**  
**March 14, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fedell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held 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, Engemann, Fedell, Walerczyk  
Absent: Ederer, Johnson

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to excuse absent members. AIF/MC

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Burns, second by Engemann to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the council regular meeting minutes from 02/14/2022 and accounts payable of \$36,122.99, \$4,331.60, \$53,449.37, \$26,508.56, \$166,583.72, \$1,575.00, \$1,377.63, \$73,129.84, \$16,908.91, and \$118.48. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Engemann, Fedell, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer, Johnson Nay: None. CARRIED

**RESERVED TIME**

**COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS**

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Schneider gave an update on M37 Rehab Project punch list that MDOT should be starting to work on this spring. Schneider answered Council Member questions related to Christian Health Care Center and the Stream lighting. Chief gave an update on parcel located on Washington St. that has only a basement foundation constructed.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, said he is busy working with MDOT on M37 Rehab Project remaining punch list. Chief Andres stated that a Social Worker from Arbor Circle will be volunteering her time, as necessary, assisting the Police Department handling mental illness situations. Chief said she hopes this will help reduce officer's time when dealing with these situations. She stated that Newaygo Public Schools is working with Officer Rood on an emotional support dog for the school. Schneider and Chief gave an update on Code Enforcement, Zoning Administrator and Community Development Positions. Schneider said that they shifted positions around and have offered an individual the Code Enforcement/Zoning Administrator position and that he will keep the Community Development job functions.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Schneider said that a company approached the City on purchasing the old City dump property for a Recycling and Material Handling Center. He said that the property is located just north of Resonate Church which is just outside of the City limits located in Brooks Township. Schneider said that the County would like to get out of managing recycling in the county and they had approached a few vendors about taking over this service. Schneider said that he had asked the City Attorney for their input and they referred him to Rhodes Mckee Attorneys, who is more specialized in this area. Schneider said he was not looking for any decisions on the property, but looking for Council Member input on how the City should proceed. Council Members and Schneider discussed City liability, location of property, and history of property. Consensus of Council was that

the City work with Rhoades Mckee Attorneys on obtaining additional environmental information as stated in the Engagement Letter included in packets.

Motion by Burns, second by Black to approve the use of Rhoades Mckee Attorneys for environmental work and the Engagement Letter dated March 10, 2022. AIF/MC

Motion by Black, second by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 2022-05 which approves the City of Newaygo acquiring title to River Hills Dr. and W. North Hills Ct. AIF/MC Schneider said these are new streets in River Hills Estates and this allows the City to place these streets on the State Street Map allowing us to obtain street funding from the State.

Motion by Engemann, second by Burns to approve Ordinance 2022-01 which amends Chapter 54, Planning Commission, Section 54-32 entitled "Membership" in the Code of Ordinances. AIF/MC Fedell stated that this will reduce the Planning Commission from 9 to 7 Members.

Motion by Burns, second by Black to approve request by Insight Pregnancy Services for the use of Loomis Lodge and Shaw Park to have a fundraising event on June 3, 2023 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. AIF/MC

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Goodin gave an update on Council Members terms that expire at the end of the year.

Schneider stated that a letter from the Fremont Area Community Foundation was included in packets that gave an update on the City Endowment Fund Balance at the Foundation.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to adjourn the meeting. AIF/MC

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Goodin