



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
July 11, 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, Johnson, Walerczyk
Absent: None

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve the amended agenda adding “Joseph Fox-Introduction” under Reserved Time. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the council regular meeting minutes from 06/27/2022 and accounts payable of \$56,976.40, \$9,506.20, \$102,083.69, \$100.00, \$2,166.73, and \$3,933.00. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Engemann, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None.
CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

Joseph Fox was present and introduced himself as a candidate for the Michigan State Representative 101st District.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Michael Burns, representing the Newaygo District Fire Board, was present and said that they are currently looking for a new Fire Chief. He asked Council for their input on what they would like to see in a Fire Chief. Council discussed and asked questions related to: needs of the fire department, roll of fire chief, and options for shared positions between regional fire districts. Chief Andres said that a survey had recently been done for the fire department and she would share the results of that information and some statistics that she had with Burns that may assist with the process.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider stated that Great Lakes Energy is requesting a Franchise Agreement and Metro Act Permit with the City. He said that the City Attorney has reviewed and per the Ordinance, the City Manager has the authority to approve and sign the Metro Act Permit and he wanted input from Council. No Council Members opposed and consensus of Council was that it is fine that the City Manager handle the Metro Act Permit. Schneider said that he is working with the City Attorney on the Transient Merchant Ordinance and discussed potential changes being suggested. Schneider stated that a City Resident, Mark Wagner at 555 Cooper St., would like to gate his driveway that is on an undeveloped public right-of-way (Edwards St.). The resident said that he maintains the undeveloped right-of-way and others are tearing up his gravel driveway. Schneider said he has told the resident that he can gate his property, but not the undeveloped right-of-way, but the resident is not satisfied with this answer. Schneider said that he is working with the City Attorney on the matter and would like Council to decide on this situation at a future Council meeting once more research on the request is completed. Council Members initial reaction is that a gate could be on the resident’s property, but not the public right-of-way.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, said that they have been preparing for the Gus Macker Basketball Tournament coming up July 16th and 17th.

Chief Andres gave an update on the Gus Macker Tournament that will be held at Newaygo Middle School and discussed a parking map that the Chamber had created for the event. She said that all officers and reserves would be assisting throughout the tournament. Chief and Schneider gave an update on the police union negotiations that have been occurring and Schneider said that a final contract will eventually have to be approved by City Council. Negotiations have been going slowly with only a couple of meetings held since union selection was held in September 2021.

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion by Johnson, second by Engemann to approve the Republic Service Contract for Refuse Removal and Cardboard Recycling for the Principle Shopping District (PSD). AIF/MC Schneider stated that only 2 contractors had submitted bids and that even with a price escalator each year, for a five year term, Republic's bid will be less than the current PSD contract with Republic Services.

Motion by Black, second by Johnson to approve the request by Newaygo Nationals Association for the use of Loomis Lodge and Shaw Park from August 10, 2022 through August 14, 2022 contingent that they provide their own trash dumpster and leave the park in clean condition. AIF/MC

Motion by Burns, second by Black to approve the request by Wayne Kauffman for the use of Brooks Park to have a free BBQ, open to the public, on Sunday, August 21st from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. AIF/MC Schneider and Council discussed the length of time that the applicant was requesting to have signs in Brooks Park and throughout the community. Schneider said that he is working with the City Attorney on the sign ordinance and an amendment would come to City Council in the future.

Motion by Engemann, second by Walerczyk to approve the member recommended on the MML Workers' Compensation Fund to serve as trustee to the MML Workers' Compensation Fund Board. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Johnson said that he agrees with restricting time frame for signs in Brooks Park and possibly only allowing signage the day of an event.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin