

**Minutes of Newaygo City Planning Commission
January 13, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance by Chariman Chambers.

Present: Chambers, Williams, Westcott, Faulkner, Wight, Stevens, Fetterly and Day. Also present: City Manager Schneider.

Absent: Kroll.

Motion by Williams, second by Westcott to excuse the absent member. AIF/MC

Motion by Westcott, second by Stevens to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

Public Comments: None.

Motion by Faulkner, second by Westcott to approve the November 11, 2014 meeting minutes as written. AIF/MC

Motion by Stevens, second by Williams to open the public hearing pursuant to a request to rezone a vacant piece of land located on the corner of Cooperative Drive and Mundy Ave. (Parcel #62-18-25-200-037) from Industrial District (I-1) to Multiple Family Residential (R-3) and to approve a special land use request to develop, construct and operate a 42,000 square foot assisted living facility on the parcel.

Bill Carey and Kim Fraser of DFC of Newaygo, LLC were present to comment and answer questions.

Ms. Fraser made a virtual tour presentation of the proposed project which will be nearly identical to the other nine facilities the corporation owns and operates in other Michigan cities. There will be 42 pet friendly units, split nearly equally between assisted living and independent living rooms/apartments. There are contingency plans for limited expansion for additional units if needed in the future. Local sub-contractors would be able to bid on portions of the project. Local people would be hired (approx. 20 full and part-time). Local businesses would be sourced for things like grounds maintenance, food, supplies, hardware items, etc. The time frame for construction to opening is 7-8 months from spring thaw (approx. Dec 2015 – Jan 2016). It was noted by the City Manager that no comments were received from letters sent to residents in the area of the proposed project.

Motion by Westcott, second by Faulkner to close the public hearing. AIF/MC

Motion by Faulkner, second by Wight to approve the re-zoning request as submitted. In favor of the motion: Chambers, Williams, Westcott, Faulkner, Wight, Stevens, Fetterley, Day. Opposed to the motion: None. Absent: Kroll. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, second by Wight to approve the special use permit as requested. AIF/MC

Motion by Faulkner, second by Stevens to re-appoint the present officers (Chambers - Chairman, Kroll – Vice Chair, Day – Secretary) for the coming year. AIF/MC

Motion by Stevens, second by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Douglas Day, Secretary.