



MINUTES
Newaygo City Planning Commission
May 5, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chambers called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm at City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337.

Roll Call: Present: Chambers, DeVries, Faulkner, Fedell, Wight, Williams
Absent: Francis
Also Present: Jon Schneider: City Manager, Kim Goodin: Recording Secretary

Motion by Faulkner, second by Wight to excuse absent members. AIF/MC

Motion by Wight, second by Williams to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fedell, second by Wight to approve 03/10/2022 meeting minutes. AIF/MC

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion by Fedell, second by Faulkner at 6:33 pm to open public hearing to discuss and take comment on request by KFC to allow for an outdoor table service area in front of the restaurant located at 8161 Mason Drive, Parcel #62-18-25-200-040. AIF/MC Schneider stated that the special use request was needed because of the request for outdoor seating and said that site plans were included in packets. John Urbain, Engineer for KFC, and general contractor were present at the meeting. Urbain stated that the outdoor table service area would be an enclosed patio, fenced area with stamped concrete and would seat approximately 14 people. He said this has been done at numerous KFC locations in Michigan. Motion by Faulkner, second by DeVries at 6:36 pm to close the public hearing. AIF/MC

Motion by Fedell, second by Williams to recommend to City Council the approval for a special land use to allow for an outdoor table service area in front of the restaurant located at 8161 Mason Drive. AIF/MC

Schneider showed slides and discussed information that provided demographic trends for the State of Michigan. Information showed slow population growth and fertility decline in Michigan. Schneider stated that the City of Newaygo's population increased by approximately 25% from 2010-2020. He discussed graph that gave information related to City of Newaygo assessed and taxable values from 2001-2022. The City has achieved a new historical high point in taxable value.

Schneider stated that Christian Healthcare Center would be opening on May 10th and discussed work that still needs to be completed by MDOT on the M37 project. He gave an update on potential Town Square Project and said that a letter of intent to start negotiating had been submitted, by the City to the building owner, with contingencies related to property appraisal and environmental clearance. Schneider gave updates on the Disc Golf Course, old Gala Gourmet building, old Pawn Shop building, and said that Great Lakes Energy is in the process of installing broadband internet to certain areas in the City. He discussed TIFA Property Improvement Grant Program that TIFA will be offering to local businesses. Schneider said that the DPW is working hard on many projects to beautify the City. Board

and Schneider discussed tree removal and tree trimming that needs to be done throughout the City. Schneider said that the City had just awarded a bid, to a local contractor, to begin various tree removal and tree trimming projects in the City.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD COMMENTS

Motion by Williams, second by Fedell to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm. AIF/MC

Secretary-Sandy Williams