



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

May 9, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fedell called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM at City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo MI 49337.

Presiding officer: Mayor Fedell

Secretary: Clerk, Kim Biegalle

Roll Call: Present: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk
Absent: N/A

Motion by Hikade, support by Palmiter to approve an amended agenda, added item "R" under "New Business".
AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Palmiter, support by Santana to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 04/11/16 and accounts payable of \$234,017.15, \$286.09, \$17,220.71, \$10,463.63, \$31,499.15, \$972.55, \$44.04 and \$51.50. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to open the public hearing to discuss and take comments on the proposed City budget and millage rate for fiscal year 2016 – 17 at 7:04 pm. AIF/MC Schneider briefly went over each department, hit some highlights and explained some variances. No comments or questions from Council. Motion by Hikade, support by Day to close public hearing at 7:37 pm. AIF/MC

Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to open the public hearing to take comments on the Fire District Special Assessment Roll at 7:37 pm. AIF/MC Schneider stated this is just for the City and Brooks Township. No comments or questions from Council. Motion by Day, support by Walerczyk at 7:39 pm to close the public hearing. AIF/MC

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider mentioned that MDOT will be re-doing a portion of M-37 in the downtown in the next couple of years, Quarterline Road to the Bridge. The City is looking to repair a water main that is located close to Water Street and will coordinate with MDOT to fix the main at the same time in order to save costs on the paving.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated that there is a hole/leak in a liner at the sewer plant that needs fixing; very hard to find where the source of the leak is coming from.

Sergeant Walerczyk mentioned that the Marshall Park Vigil will be on May 19th at 7:00 pm, there is a final cleanup date on 05/14 at 9:00 am. Inmates from the Sheriff's Department have already done some cleanup work at the park and put down the mulch; this was done at no cost to the park or City. Kid's Day will be held on June 11th in Brooks Park from noon to 3:00 pm and lastly, the police department will be running a "scenario" at 53 Wood Street on May 21st; they will notify neighbors and area businesses of this event prior to.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to approve Resolution 16-08 which adopts the City budget for fiscal year 2016 – 2017. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED
- Motion by Day, support by Santana to approve the Capital Improvement Program budget plan (Tab 12). Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED
- Motion by Hikade, support by Johnson to approve Resolution 16-09 which adopts the 2016 – 2017 City millage levy. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED
- Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to approve Resolution 16-10 which confirms the special assessment roll, establishing lien and providing for the payment and collection of special assessments for Fire Board. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED
- Motion by Day, support by Palmiter to approve Resolution 16-11 which establishes the funding level of 2.02001 for the Newaygo Area Fire District for fiscal year 2016 – 2017. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED
- Motion by Palmiter, support by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 16-12 which approves the NCRA fiscal year budget for 2016 – 2017. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED
- Motion by Hikade, support by Santana to give permission to the City Manager to commit funds and sign documents through the Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Grant. The grant will help to offset costs to fix / repair / replace the liner at the WWTP lagoons. Schneider explained where in the budget the funds would come from, the City has to have a 10% match. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED
- Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to approve Resolution 16-13 to support the City completing the Redevelopment Ready Community Certification. This is beneficial to the ICE Grant above. Schneider briefly explained what this is about and how it relates to the ICE Grant. AIF/MC
- Motion by Day, support by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 16-14 which exercises the City's right to exempt itself from the requirements of PA 152 of 2011 for coverage beginning 08/01/16. Schneider explains this is done every year and allows the City to decide benefits instead of the State. AIF/MC
- Motion by Palmiter, support by Santana to approve Resolution 16-15 which increases the PSD (Principal Shopping District) Board from seven to nine members. AIF/MC
- Motion by Johnson, support by Walerczyk to approve the lease agreement with Wisner Rents Canoes at the Riverfront Park Phase II. AIF/MC
- Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to approve the special use of the Bakery/Bistro at 24 Wood St. Owner Matthew Boynton was present and discussed his culinary background and described what the business will entail and provide in this community. The business will be called The Rustic Fork and he hopes to open in October. AIF/MC
- Motion by Santana, support by Hikade to support the pursuing of a grant through the USDA Rural Development to pay for all or part of the computers and technology necessary to bring the Digital Works training program to The Stream. Both Fedell and Wert-Carr explained that this is an employment training program which will focus on customer service and is mostly computer based. The Stream hopes to retain some of the trainees after they complete their training and have their certificate. AIF/MC
- Motion by Palmiter, support by Santana to approve of the drug disposal event which will take place in the City Hall parking lot on July 26, 2016. Sgt. Walerczyk explained that NC RESA contacted the Newaygo Police Department and this will be a drive through drug drop off. This is at no cost to the City and NC RESA will do the majority of the promoting. AIF/MC
- Motion by Walerczyk, support by Hikade to approve the use of Brooks Park by the Newaygo County Museum and Heritage Center for a Native American Gathering on Friday and Saturday, September 23rd and 24th from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm (event is from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm). AIF/MC
- Motion by Walerczyk, support by Johnson to approve the Velma Matson Upper Elementary School - 2nd grade to have a picnic in Brooks Park on June 7th from noon to 2:00 pm.(rain date would be June 8th). AIF/MC
- Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to approve the use of Brooks Park by Newaygo Public Schools to serve free lunches from June 13th through August 13th from 12:30 pm to 12:55 pm, Monday through Friday. AIF/MC
- Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to approve the Vera Wilsie Elementary School – 1st grade to have a picnic in Riverfront Park Phase I on June 3rd from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Palmiter wished Boynton good luck on The Rustic Fork and stated that Schneider did a good job on the budget.

Johnson also wished Boynton luck and thanked him for his military service.

Santana stated he is excited for the new bistro.

Biegalle noted that there were 329 voters for the May 3rd school bond proposal election, which is a record for a school election and also wish Boynton much luck on the new business and encouraged him to share his story with our very own Newaygo High School students.

Schneider encouraged Boynton to start a young professionals group within our community.

Fedell thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

Motion by Walerczyk, supported by Day to adjourn the meeting. AIF/MC

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Biegalle