



## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

### January 9, 2017

#### **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, Santana, Walerczyk

Absent: Palmiter

Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to excuse absent member. AIF/MC

Motion by Hikade, support by Johnson to approve the agenda with the addition of "Item F, Resolution 17-04" under "New Business". AIF/MC

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Day, support by Palmiter to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 12/12/16 and accounts payable of \$35,447.13, \$231,036.36, \$1,515.89, \$9,196.49, \$60,724.77, \$149,397.04, \$780.40 and \$78.34. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: Palmiter  
Nay: None. CARRIED

#### **RESERVED TIME**

Schneider went over the budget in detail; hit some highlights and explained some revenues and expenditures. A few questions and comments from Council members. Over all the majorities of the departments are up in revenue and down in expenses at this point in the fiscal year.

Motion by Day, support by Walerczyk at 7:29 pm to open public hearing to discuss and take comment on the application for funding to USDA for repairs and improvements to the WWTP/Sewer System. AIF/MC  
Schneider briefly explained; the engineering report in the packets gives a lot of information. He went over the conclusions and recommendations with the Council. Hikade would like to make sure the City utilizes government/state officials to help with getting funding if possible. The City is working with DEQ on a consent order with the help of the City's legal counsel. Motion by Hikade, support by Day at 7:42 pm to close public hearing. AIF/MC

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **MANAGERS REPORT**

Schneider stated that the Magna expansion project is still expected but that there is some management changes taking place. He also stated that the remaining portion of the first floor of The Stream building is now going to be filled by Spectrum Home Health Care; they hope to be open in a few months.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, is working with the DEQ and engineers on prints for the sewer system project.

Chief Andres stated that there was a contained apartment fire at Woodview Apartments. Everyone was evacuated and taken care of quickly and efficiently. She stated that all emergency response departments worked very well together. She reminded Council and audience of the police survey and asked that everyone take a few minutes to

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complete. This survey will run through 01/2017. Chief also just completed a PowerPoint presentation for economic development.

Wert-Carr was present and stated that Kim Goodin has been assisting with the Police Department on the survey. She stated that they have given out some quotes and added a few members to The Stream. The Stream also has a new website as of a couple weeks ago.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Santana, support by Hikade to approve Resolution 17-01 which gives the City permission to continue to apply for our annual parade permits and shut down roads/state highways. AIF/MC

Motion by Johnson, support by Hikade to approve an amendment to the Fire District Agreement. AIF/MC Schneider explained that this amendment was drafted by the attorney's and that Brooks Township has already adopted it. He went over the amendment in detail and also explained this amendment allows flexibility to look into a DPS (Department of Public Services).

Motion by Walerczyk, support by Santana to approve Resolution 17-02 which amends the PSD (Principal Shopping District) expense budget from \$40,000 to \$47,000. The PSD has purchased banners, banner posts, cleaned up signage and added signage. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: Palmiter Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Johnson, support by Hikade to approve Resolution 17-03 regarding the revenue bonds for repairs and improvements to the WWTP/Sewer System. Schneider explained that this resolution doesn't commit the City but just keeps the process moving forward; this resolution has a 45 day waiting period. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: Palmiter Nay: None. CARRIED

Schneider handed out some information to the Council regarding the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program and briefly explained what this program does and how it can help the City. The program helps market communities as well as helps City's to adopt best practice principals to attract potential investors. Future funding from the MEDC (Michigan Economic Development Corporation) is contingent on participation in the RRC program. Schneider, Wert-Carr and Goodin have already attended some RRC training and are half way completed.

Motion by Day, support by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 17-04 which appoints Greg Slominski to the PSD Board to fill a vacancy recently left by Ray Sohr; this term is through 12/31/18. AIF/MC

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Wayne Bumstead was present to seek support from the City Council for his son, Jon Bumstead, who will be running for the State Senate in two years.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Johnson had a suggestion regarding the declining revenue in the cemetery; he suggested that the City consider half lots for cremations to attract more revenue.

Schneider stated that the fire report and library director's report was handed out at the beginning of the meeting for Council to look through.

Fedell thanked everyone for coming out

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Biegalle