



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

November 13, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fedell called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Walerczyk
Absent: Santana

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

Motion by Day, support by Palmiter to approve the amended agenda, adding item C under "Reserve Time". AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Palmiter, support by Day to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 10/09/17 and accounts payable of \$298,183.97, \$60,781.61, \$39,768.50, \$25,287.06, \$36,906.87, \$3,690.42, \$1,326.85 and \$1,250.00. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk. Absent: Santana Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

Patrick Mutchler of Brickley DeLong presented the City's audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. He went through the audit book, hit some highlights and stated that they did not find any recommendations for the City. Mutchler stated original budget was very accurate and City did great job on the budget. He stated City's audit was only audit that went through their office without finding any recommendations.

Scott Faulkner, Newaygo Economic Development Organization Chair, presented a PowerPoint on Jeff Speck's Walkability report. He briefly discussed Speck's findings and recommendations. Questions from audience and board were answered by Faulkner. He stated Speck's report will be on City of Newaygo's website in near future.

Hikade discussed concern with opioid issues in our community and noted that citizens are not aware of resources that are available in our community/county. Hikade and Chief Andres discussed Michigan State Police (MSP) Angel Program. Chief stated these programs need volunteers and mentors. She stated in police survey last winter, drugs was listed by citizens as number one problem. Chief stated her department has limited amount of dollars in budget available for these types of trainings at this time and will focus these dollars based on Council initiatives for her department. Hikade stated that we need something like MSP Angel Program in our community and would like the community and Council to get behind and support this as well as to bring to people's attention. He said no decisions need to be made tonight.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider discussed the AT&T water tower current lease agreement and possible amendments to it; good revenue for the City and will work with them slightly. He discussed Michigan Municipal League's (MML) newly elected official training and stated City would reimburse costs should any Council Member attend. Schneider gave brief update on the River Country Chamber of Commerce upcoming events. He stated there was a medical marijuana facility draft application form and advisory information in the Council packets along with Digital Works and Façade grant updates. Schneider discussed MML reimbursing dividends to its members and City will be reimbursed \$4664 this year.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated that his department is putting up Christmas lights while weather is nice and will turn lights on after Thanksgiving.

Chief Andres stated they hired a new part-time police officer along with three new reserve officers. The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting is December 20th at 7:00 pm at Newaygo High School Cafeteria; a human trafficking expert will do a presentation. The TIFA Board approved a full-time Crime Prevention Officer and this position will start the first of 2018. She stated all Emergency Operations Plans need to be renewed in March 2018. Crime activity has increased in Newaygo, but the police department's clearance rate is still high at 72%. The police department is currently working on a succession plan with all staff for the next 7-10 years. Chief stated they are planning a community wide "Crash Training"/Active Shooter event. Chief said she is working with other communities that have medical marihuana processing plants to get information on inspections, policies and procedures and stated that Lafayette, Colorado is willing to share their information and invited her and others to visit and tour.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Johnson, support by Hikade to finally approve Resolution 17-26 and the attached purchase agreement to sell the land in the Industrial Park to Wring BioPharma, LLC. Roll Call: Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk. Absent: Santana. Nay: Palmiter. CARRIED

Motion by Hikade, support by Johnson to approve Resolution 17-28 which updates the fee schedule to add Medical Marihuana application/zoning licensing fee/escrow fee for expenses (i.e. background checks, legal work, etc). Those in favor: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk. Absent: Santana. Opposed: Palmiter. CARRIED Fedell briefly explained the resolution.

Motion by Day, support by Palmiter to adopt Resolution 17-29 which changes the filing deadline for the City General Election nominating petitions from the 12th to 15th Tuesday preceding election complying with the State. AIF/MC

Motion by Johnson, support by Walerczyk to renew Brickley Delong's, current City auditors, three year contract. Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk. Absent: Santana Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to approve the PSD Dumpster Contract with Republic Services for the next five years. Yeas: Day, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk. Absent: Santana Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Walerczyk, support by Day to approve request for use of Brooks Park/Stage for a wedding on June 18, 2018. AIF/MC

Council was given list of upcoming term expirations of board member appointments and next years (2018) meeting dates. Fedell stated he will bring recommendations for board member appointments to December meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Ortwein, 6688 E. Carrigan Drive, gave Hikade a few contact names in regards to opioid overdose programs. He made some recommendations with regards to the AT&T lease agreement and stated his river property has received a Brownfield designation and has completed Phase 1 on the process.

Christie Randolph, 4763 Lakeshore Blvd, stated she has no issues with medical marihuana facility but is concerned with the facility having an odor and how it will be controlled; she also has an issue with the location of facility.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Johnson followed up with some comments on Speck's report in regards to the lanes in the downtown.

Day commented on Speck's report stating he feels the left turn lane up hill is needed for those who live on Main Street trying to turn left on M-37.

Biegalle gave out some election statistics; stated 240 total voters with 105 of those being Absent Voters. Low turnout, but great day with great workers.

Schneider said in addition to Police Department they are working on succession planning for City Hall office and DPW to make sure they are being pro-active for future.

Fedell stated nice to see so many people in audience and thanked everyone for coming out.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Biegalle