



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

December 11, 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: Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Santana, Walerczyk
Absent: Day, Palmiter

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

Motion by Hikade, support by Santana to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Johnson, support by Santana to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 11/13/2017 and accounts payable of \$52,785.15, \$27,850.96, \$185,640.85, \$26,392.63, \$6,081.21, \$2,373.91 and \$133.88. Roll Call: Yeas: Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Santana, Walerczyk. Absent: Day, Palmiter
Nay: None. CARRIED

The following resolutions were also approved by consent Agenda:

- A. Motion to approve Resolution 17-30 which re-appoints Dave Chambers and Robbin Faulkner and appoints Mike Hikade to the Planning Commission for three year terms.
- B. Motion to approve Resolution 17-31 which re-appoints Ron Armstrong, Ed Fedell and Kelly Tinkham and appoints Bryce Cronk to the TIFA/LDFA Board for four year terms and Nick Looman to fill vacancy by Lethorn thru 12/31/18.
- C. Motion to approve Resolution 17-32 re-appointing Val Hobbie and Donna Friar and appoints Jason Harris to the PSD (Principal Shopping district) Board for three year terms and Jeff Nelson (contingent on closing of building) to fill vacancy by Emerlander thru 12/31/18.
- D. Motion to approve Resolution 17-33 which re-appoints Jeff Mercer and appoints Roger Ederer to the Newaygo Area Fire District Board for a six year term.
- E. Motion to approve Resolution 17-34 which re-appoints Jon Schneider and Jane Parsley to the (NCRA) Newaygo Community Recreation Authority Board for a two year term.
- F. Motion to approve Resolution 17-35 which re-appoints Ed Fedell, Del Hirdes and Eric Johnson to the (NEDO) Newaygo Economic Development Organization Board for a three year term.
- G. Motion to approve Resolution 17-36 which sets the regular dates for Council, Planning and TIFA for the 2018 calendar year.

RESERVED TIME

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scott Swinehart, River Country Chamber of Commerce Chairman, was present to give Council an update. Currently the Chamber has over 280 members. Swinehart went over a few past and upcoming events. He thanked the City and Council for their continued support and offered an open invitation to Council for any Chamber Events.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider discussed NEDO updates and said the next Walkability forum will be held December 19th at 6:00 pm at The Stream. Schneider stated that Sable Homes has begun constructions in the River Hills Court subdivision on a couple of homes, one of which is already sold. Schneider spoke about City succession planning process and stated that Carol Sherwood, current Treasurer, will be retiring in 2018 after 39 years of service. Kim Biegalle has been training to fill the Treasurer Position while Kim Goodin has begun training to fill the City Clerk Position. He stated that Bloom Sluggert Law Firm, who represent the City, received Best Law Firm Designation for Municipal Law. Schneider read tribute plaque, from State of Michigan, presented to Newaygo Police Department for 150 years of service.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Andres stated Ryan Dornbos will become the new Crime Prevention Officer in January. The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting is December 20th at 7:00 pm at Newaygo High School Cafeteria and a human trafficking expert will do a presentation. Chief stated they will be holding a Crash Course, active shooter training, on December 18th at 6:00 pm at Family of God Community Church.

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated they are discussing purchasing a used Vactor Truck from City of Fremont.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Walerczyk, support by Hikade to approve Resolution 17-37 which appoints Kim Biegalle as City Clerk and City Treasurer and appoints Carol Sherwood as Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer. Roll Call: Yeas: Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Santana, Walerczyk. Absent: Day, Palmiter Nay: None.

Nick Looman, owner of Newaygo Brewery, presented initial drawings and information for potential outdoor seating in the alley between the brewery and The Stream for Council to consider in regards to a potential lease agreement between the City and the brewery. Looman answered questions from Council Members and will continue with next steps.

Looman updated Council on Tesla charging stations that the PSD (Principal Shopping District) would like to have installed. He discussed maintenance, responsibility, liability, guidelines and potential site locations. Currently, Newaygo Bed and Breakfast is installing two Tesla charging stations and their total costs are covered. Looman will monitor the Newaygo Bed and Breakfast installation and usage before pursuing the next steps.

Motion by Hikade, support by Santana to purchase the Vactor Truck from the City of Fremont for \$30,000 and to amend the capital outlay budget in the equipment pool fund from \$167,200 to \$197,200. Roll Call: Yeas: Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Santana, Walerczyk. Absent: Day, Palmiter Nay: None. Several Council Members had questions which Wight answered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Walerczyk stated she supports outdoor seating at brewery.

Hikade wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Johnson also wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Santana is encouraged with the different housing options that are becoming available in Newaygo. He likes idea of outdoor meeting spaces for people to enjoy.

Schneider said this would have been Day's last meeting after serving on various City boards for decades. He encouraged all to thank Day for his service to our community.

Fedell said if combined all Day's public years of service on the various boards it would be 60 years. He thanked everyone for attending and wished all a wonderful holiday season.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Biegalle