



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

January 8, 2018

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: Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana
Absent: Walerczyk

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Palmiter, support by Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 12/11/17 and accounts payable of \$34,868.90, \$73,559.90, \$2,678.78, \$8,740.54, \$38,199.22, \$3,385.60, and \$90.27. Roll Call: Yeas: Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana Absent: Walerczyk 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 were made and answered by Schneider. Over all the majority of the departments are up in revenue and down in expenses at this point in the fiscal year.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Jeff Mercer, Fire Board Chairman, was present to give an update on the fire department. Mercer stated that the department and the board are fully staffed. During the 2018 year they will continue to work on their capital and budget plans. Mercer said the morale is very good and all are working as a team. He stated the department has some storage concerns; they will be receiving a new rural pumper tanker in the near future.

Scott Faulkner, Newaygo Economic Development Organization Chair, gave an update on community public meetings that were held discussing Speck's Walkability recommendations. Faulkner said that he and Schneider have been interviewing engineering firms. Faulkner and Schneider plan to make recommendations to the Council, at a future meeting, regarding choice of engineering firm and Walkability recommendations. Faulkner updated Council on multiple housing initiatives that are in process or being discussed. He stated that the potential new childcare center to be located in the industrial park is moving forward.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider stated that the City Master Plan will be worked on during the 2018 year along with the Zoning Ordinances being reviewed. He gave a brief update on behalf of the River Country Chamber of Commerce which included their upcoming events.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, is working with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to get a Discharge Permit which will be year-round instead of seasonal. Capacity has increased which allows for additional growth and expansion.

Sgt. Walerczyk stated that TIFA approved the Police Department to hire a Crime Prevention Office. Ryan Dornbos, current City Police Officer, filled this position and officially began January 8, 2018.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Hikade, support by Palmiter to approve 2018 Council Committee Appointments. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nick Looman, Principal Shopping District Chair, gave update on Tesla Charging Stations currently being installed at Newaygo Bed & Breakfast. He stated that Principal Shopping District (PSD) has a full board and will be meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. Looman stated that the PSD Board will be reviewing the selection process of board members with hopes to have a plan in place by the end of 2018.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Johnson welcomed Ederer to the team. He congratulated Schneider on a good budget and thanked him for the overhead projector presentation with the budget.

Santana thanked Faulkner on housing updates and thanked Sgt. Walerczyk for updates. He welcomed Ederer and thanked Schneider for budget presentation. Santana said he is interested in creating more reasons for people to come to Newaygo and would like to explore "Disk Golf" and possible locations.

Ederer thanked everyone for warm welcome. He expressed interest in possibility of Council receiving their packets earlier than the Friday prior to Council Meetings.

Hikade welcomed Ederer to the Council. He also discussed Council receiving packets earlier and maybe email options or I-Pad/Tablet options.

Palmiter welcomed Ederer. He was pleased to hear about all housing projects and would like to look at development along the river. Palmiter also expressed interest in receiving packets earlier.

Council discussed options of receiving packets earlier. Biegalle will look into some information and bring to future Council Meeting for members to review and discuss.

Schneider welcomed Ederer. He expressed his excitement with all of the things occurring in Newaygo and what a great community to be part of. Schneider excited to have Faulkner and team involved. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Fedell welcomed Ederer. He said these are very exciting times and nice to look at various boards and committees and see the number of people involved. Looking forward to an exciting year.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Biegalle