



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

February 12, 2018

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nick Looman, 19 State Rd., discussed Newaygo Brewing's tentative Resolution to approve alleyway lease agreement and Resolution to approve amendment of Liquor License on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Palmiter, support by Santana to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 1/8/18 and accounts payable of \$14,884.29, \$25,450.14, \$8,616.19, \$7,500.00, \$67,714.09, \$248,118.94, \$202,257.19, \$38,185.40, \$1,677.06, and \$94.20. AIF/MC

RESERVED TIME

Hikade gave an update on opioid addiction in the area. He stated that Newaygo Community Addiction & Recovery Facebook Page has been established which contains information listed on available services and meetings in the community.

Jason Vanderstelt, Newaygo County Clerk, gave an update on electionreporting.com, a new election site Newaygo County will be utilizing for reporting election results. He stated that they are working on inputting previous election information. Vanderstelt stated that the Canvas Board will be inspecting ballot containers on March 7, 2018. All municipalities and townships have been notified and need to bring their containers to the County prior to March 7th. He stated that the 2018 Directory should be available mid-late March.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Scott Faulkner, Newaygo Economic Development Organization (NEDO) Chair, gave an update on NEDO activities. He discussed the Walkability and Mobility Project in the City stating that Kirk Steudle, MDOT Director, will be holding a presentation March 29, 2018 in Newaygo to discuss parking, traffic flow and autonomous vehicles. He discussed a Housing Task Force that has been developed and is working on the needs and options in our community. They will also be developing a portfolio of what is available in the community to help attract developers.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider distributed a draft agreement for conditional transfer of property (PA425) between the City of Newaygo and Brooks Township. Magna purchased the land behind their current building, which is located in Brooks Township. The plan is to transfer this property into the City. Schneider stated that no action is currently needed, but for the Council to review and give their input. Schneider asked the Council for input regarding a potential new County millage being discussed for the Sheriff Department. Council gave their thoughts for Schneider to share at a County Meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Schneider wanted to make Council aware that

Newaygo County Emergency Management has developed a Public Access Site Closure Policy that they would like approved by Council. Schneider stated that additional information will be provided and it will be placed on the March City Council agenda. Schneider updated Council on sewer project and hope to begin project in the spring.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sgt. Walerczyk discussed new K9, Bella, which the Newaygo Police Department will be receiving. He stated that out of 20 departments, the Newaygo Police Department was chosen and the only ongoing costs associated will be Bella's food and veterinary services needed throughout the year. Sgt. Walerczyk stated that there has been an overwhelming positive response from the community and said individuals and businesses have already begun fund raising efforts to put towards Bella's food, veterinary services, certification and handler training.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Hikade, support by Ederer to approve Resolution 18-01 appointing Brooke Schaffer to the Newaygo Economic Development Organization Board to fill vacancy by Lethorn thru 12/31/19. AIF/MC

Motion by Walerczyk, support by Santana to approve Resolution 18-02 to approve amended TIFA Budget. AIF/MC

Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to approve Tentative Resolution 18-03 to approve the lease agreement, between the City and Newaygo Brewing Co., for outdoor space located in the alleyway between The Stream and Newaygo Brewing Co. AIF/MC. Fedell stated this was the first of a three step process that needs to be completed.

Motion by Walerczyk, support by Johnson to approve Resolution 18-04 to approve amendment of Liquor License of Newaygo Brewing Co. to serve alcohol in outdoor seating area. AIF/MC

Motion by Hikade, support by Santana to approve Resolution 18-05 to improve Walkability and Mobility in the City of Newaygo. AIF/MC.

Motion by Johnson, support by Walerczyk to approve the use of Brooks Park for several upcoming events/festivals for the 2018 calendar year by the River Country Chamber of Commerce. AIF/MC

Motion by Hikade, support by Palmiter to approve the use of Brooks Park, from the Newaygo County Museum and Heritage Center, on Saturday, September 22nd and Sunday, September 23rd from 7:00 am until 9:00 pm for a Native Gathering. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Del Hirdes, 1806 E. 88th St., representing the Newaygo Fire Department was present to give an update. Hirdes stated that the call volumes continue to rise and they are reviewing future needs. He said they want to provide proper services and be a good fiduciary.

Thomas Rake, 3619 40th St., gave an update on the Newaygo Community Addiction & Recovery Facebook Page. He stated they are in the beginning stages and there is a great need for additional recovery and resources in our County.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Johnson voiced his support for the Newaygo Police Department Canine, Bella, which they will be receiving. Santana is encouraged with the housing initiatives.

Biegalle said she will provide a draft policy relating to City Council agendas and packets at the March meeting.

Fedell thanked everyone for coming out.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Biegalle