



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

April 9, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fedell called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk
Absent: Ederer

Motion by Santana, support by Johnson 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 Palmiter, support by Santana to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 3/12/18 and accounts payable of \$36,489.15, \$102,838.14, \$17,259.63, \$13,513.70, \$1,578.00, \$11,608.20, \$452.39. Roll Call: Yeas: Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

Newaygo Public School High School Principal, Brad Reyburn was present and handed out a brochure with information about the Newaygo Public Schools Non-Homestead Millage Renewal being voted on May 8, 2018.

Chief Andres and Newaygo Public School High School Principal, Brad Reyburn, gave a presentation on the possibility of a school assigned police officer at Newaygo Public Schools. Studies show having a school assigned police officer greatly reduces the risk of an active shooter event happening, reduction in vandalism, larcenies and bullying. Their main functions will consist of law enforcement, instructor, counselor and mentoring. Andres went over projected wages for this position. Presentations are also being done at Croton Township, Brooks Township and Garfield Township with the prospect that all government units and the school would contribute towards the cost of a school assigned police officer. Motion by Hikade, support by Johnson in support of Newaygo Police Department to proceed with the next steps regarding a school assigned police officer at Newaygo Public Schools. Roll Call: Yeas: Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Johnson, support by Palmiter at 7:29 pm to open public hearing to discuss and take comments on PA 425 conditional land transfer agreement with Brooks Township. AIF/MC Schneider showed a PowerPoint of the map outlining the proposed property being contemplated for transfer from Brooks Township to the City of Newaygo and stated the terms of the agreement were in Council packets. No public comments. Motion by Santana, support by Johnson at 7:31 pm to close public hearing. AIF/MC

Schneider did a budget review. He stated that the budget is overall right where it should be and explained a couple of fluctuations.

Fedell stated that the Personnel Committee held its annual review process of the City Manager, Jon Schneider and the written meeting minutes were in the packets. He stated it is great to have Schneider as Newaygo City Manager. Johnson stated that Schneider does a good job. Schneider thanked Council for a wonderful year and said it has been a joy to work with all.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Schneider gave a brief update on NEDO, in Faulkner's absence, and stated that there will be a Master Plan Work Session and a Public Meeting on April 17th at The Stream. Therese Thille, from the Right Place, gave an update on a replacement for NCEDO Business Development Manager. Fedell updated Council on the MDOT meetings that were held in Newaygo on March 29th with MDOT Director Kirk Steudle. Topics included autonomous vehicles and Walkability projects.

Scott Swinehart, Chamber Chairman, was present to give Council an update. He stated that they held a round table with Representative Huizinga earlier in the day. Swinehart said that the Chamber annual dinner is April 18th and the Home and Garden Show is April 21st.

Del Hirdes, representing the Newaygo Area Fire District Board, stated he was present to answer any questions regarding the Fire District Budget.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider stated that a "draft" Consent Order for the waste water treatment plant is in packets for review and questions. The DEQ is wanting it finalized and adopted in the near future.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated that they are cleaning the cemetery and have started part of the waste water project that is going out to bid.

Chief Andres stated Bella, the K9, was going to training April 24th and would be graduating on June 14th. She also mentioned that community members are fund-raising for Bella's expenses and would be holding a cookie decorating fundraiser on April 28th at Loomis Lodge.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to approve Resolution 18-09 which approves the PA 425 agreement with Brooks Township. Roll Call: Yeas: Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Hikade, support by Santana to approve Resolution 18-10 which adopts the Newaygo Area Fire District budget for fiscal year 2018-2019. Schneider asked questions regarding capital expenses which Hirdes answered. Schneider asked about the status regarding the service agreement between the Fire District and Garfield Township. Service agreement needs to be fair to residents of Brooks Township and City of Newaygo. Hirdes stated that they are working with Garfield Township to finalize. Santana asked questions regarding inspections for the medical marijuana facility which Wolford, Newaygo Fire Chief, and Chief Andres answered. Roll Call: Yeas: Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Hikade, support by Johnson to approve the Wisner Lease agreement at Riverfront Park Phase II. Roll Call: Yeas: Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Palmiter, support by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 18-11 which adopts the Rules and Procedures for Council Meetings. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Walerczyk thanked Schneider and stated she is glad to have him as Newaygo City Manager.

Hikade stated that he appreciated Schneider and seconded Walerczyk.

Palmiter thanked Schneider.

Johnson thanked Schneider.

Santana thanked Schneider for his clarity and most importantly communicating clearly with people and staff.

Biegalle stated agrees with Santana and appreciates Schneider.

Schneider thanked everyone for the kind words and said it is a joy to work with everyone.

Fedell thanked those in audience for their attendance.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Biegalle