



## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

### August 13, 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, Walerczyk, Santana  
Absent: N/A

Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to excuse absent members. AIF/MC (Santana arrived at 7:04 pm)

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 7/16/18 and accounts payable of \$13,894.65, \$18,902.75, \$67,390.07, \$17,781.15, \$12,599.63, \$23,393.42, \$262.59, \$45,787.06, \$111,875.78, \$188,424.66, \$1,126.22 and \$2,988.88. Roll Call: Yeas: Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: Santana Nays: None. CARRIED

#### **RESERVED TIME**

Motion by Johnson, support by Hikade at 7:02 pm to open public hearing to consider the establishment of an Industrial Development District (IDD) in the City's Industrial Park regarding parcels of GM Wood Products. AIF/MC Schneider showed a PowerPoint aerial view of the site/district and explained Tax Abatement process noting establishing an IDD is the first step of this process. He introduced Kevin Karris, representing GM Wood Products, whose parcels these belong to. Karris gave history of GM Wood Products and discussed expansion plans. No public comments; a couple of Council questions regarding expansion. Motion by Palmiter, support by Walerczyk at 7:22 pm to close public hearing. AIF/MC

#### **COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS**

Scott Faulkner, Newaygo Economic Development Organization (NEDO) Chair, gave an update on NEDO activities. He stated that a major focus is on housing initiatives.

#### **CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

Schneider updated Council on striping of parking spots on streets around City Hall and discussed excavating being done along Quarterline to move the sidewalk. He stated that the City is exploring options with Consumers and MDOT regarding light poles and power locations. Schneider asked Council to contact him with any additional feedback on the Master Plan or Housing recommendations.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated that they are kept very busy with the various projects in process. Schneider stated that the lower part of the water tower stem will be re-painted white due to the extreme heat to the mechanical equipment inside the stem that had been caused by the black paint.

Sgt. Walerczyk updated Council on Mitch Rood (in his absence), School Assigned Police Officer, and the many trainings and activities he has attended over the last month. He stated that a Dam Failure Drill will occur on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> in the evening, discussed the Mutual Aid Agreement being completed and the Rescue Task Force Training.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Hikade, support by Palmiter to approve Resolution 18-26 which establishes an Industrial Development District in the City's Industrial Park for GM Wood Products. Public hearing held at beginning of meeting with no public comments. Yeas: Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Johnson, support by Santana to approve Resolution 18-27 which sets the public hearing date of September 10, 2018 for the Magna Mirrors of America Inc. Tax Abatement request. AIF/MC

Schneider updated Council on Wastewater System Improvements Project, bids received, grant dollars and loan dollars since all bids came in higher than expected. He showed Spreadsheet detailing cost and changes of the Wastewater System Improvements Project to bring it in line with available funding.

Motion by Hikade, support by Ederer to authorize City Manager to issue Notice of Award to Jackson-Merkey Contractors Inc. for Wastewater System Improvements in the amount of \$6,447,814 contingent upon contractor's concurrent approval of a change order reducing the scope and price down to \$5,489,354. The award is also subject to availability of funds and completion of necessary financial arrangements with USDA Rural Development. Roll Call: Yeas: Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Ederer, support by Palmiter to authorize City Manager to sign construction contract and change order with Jackson-Merkey Contractors Inc. for Wastewater System Improvements according to contingencies in Notice of Award. Roll Call: Yeas: Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Johnson, support by Walerczyk to approve the Grant Agreement with USDA for up to \$3,559,000 for Waste Water System Improvements. Roll Call: Yeas: Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Walerczyk, support by Hikade to approve Resolution 18-28 for USDA loan of \$1,491,000 for Waste Water System Improvements. Roll Call: Yeas: Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Ederer, support by Palmiter to approve Resolution 18-29 for USDA loan of \$976,000 for Waste Water System Improvements. Roll Call: Yeas: Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to approve Ordinance 18-04 to authorize issuance of additional 2018 series of Sanitary Sewer System Revenue Bonds. Roll Call: Yeas: Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Santana, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Johnson excused himself from the discussion about the possibility of swapping land with Sparks Industrial Services as his wife is employed by Sparks Industrial Services. Schneider showed an aerial view of the building and site Sparks currently owns and site the City currently owns. Schneider met with representative from Sparks and they discussed multiple options as Sparks may need to expand their current building in the future. He was asking Council for their general thoughts and ideas on the possibility of swapping land with Sparks as an option. Council supportive of swapping land, as it would allow the City to protect land around Brooks Creek. Schneider will continue discussions with Sparks.

Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to approve the use of Brooks Park by Wayne Kauffman to have a free BBQ on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. AIF/MC Council discussed the possible need for restrooms when events are held at Brooks Park for a long length of time. Discussion about updating current policy to include port-a-jon rental being required if event exceeds a certain length of time and number of attendees.

Motion by Palmiter, support by Ederer to approve the use of Brooks Park by 3R Education to hold a People's Climate March on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. AIF/MC

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Danielle Hummel, 9363 Spruce, asked questions and had concerns about the Walkability Project which Council Members and Schneider answered.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Ederer said he likes the idea of land swapping with Sparks so City would have access around Brooks Creek.

Walerczyk said she likes all of the housing ideas being generated for the City.

Johnson voiced his support of the Walkability project stating there had been many public meetings. He said the initiatives do a lot of good for the walkers and bikers.

Santana said he likes the idea of the City having access around Brooks Creek. He is in favor of anything the Council can do to support housing initiatives.

Biegalle gave out some election statistics; stated 411 total voters with 133 of those being Absent Voters. Election went smooth with no problems. She stated Kim Goodin went to two-day election training in June, received certification and was officially able to work the election.

Schneider thanked all staff and boards involved over the last year; complimenting the entire team.

Fedell discussed meeting he had with a number of mayors from the County. He discussed cable line on Quarterline and thanked everyone for coming out.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Biegalle