



## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

### February 11, 2019

#### **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 Goodin

Roll Call: Present: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk  
Absent: N/A

Motion by Johnson, support by Hikade to approve the amended agenda adding "F" Resolution 19-06 approving the appointment of the Zoning Board of Appeals under New Business. AIF/MC

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Palmiter, support by Black to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 01/14/19 and accounts payable of \$820.71, \$52,587.10, \$14,573.52, \$932.70, \$32,850.23, \$10,017.22, \$175,161.73, \$1,566.00, \$104,688.45, \$1,631.29, and \$49.85. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

#### **RESERVED TIME**

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

Nick Looman, Principal Shopping District (PSD) Chair, gave an update on new PSD rates charged to the downtown businesses for the joint management and maintenance of the Principal Shopping District. He stated that PSD rates have not been changed in the last decade.

Scott Swinehart, Chairman River Country Chamber of Commerce stated they are planning their 2019 major events and stated Chamber Board members would be visiting businesses in the district to discuss the value of Chamber Membership.

Ken DeLaat, County Commissioner, stated that effective February 1<sup>st</sup> the County began contracting with North Country Inspection Service to do building inspections.

Scott Faulkner, Economic and Community Development Coordinator, discussed information in packets relating to: various grant opportunities, Redevelopment Ready Community Plans, Master Plan Process, Housing Task Force, financial strategy for The Stream, and discussions with Commercial Developers.

#### **CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

Schneider updated and showed pictures of new proposed grain silo being requested by MAC. He shared dialogue from meeting with MAC representatives, conversations and emails with City Attorney and email from MAC Attorney relating to current zoning ordinances concerning setbacks and height. Council discussed ordinance and alternative locations. Council stated they want to know where property line is located and know how the Railroad feels about location of proposed location of grain silo. Council does not want to see grain silo in that area due to possible future development at RAILSIDE property. Schneider gave an update on the Façade Project and stated waiting for escrow dollars from developer to get project started and that a conference call is scheduled next week with the State. He discussed letter from AT&T regarding Cell Site Lease and MML budget conference information in packets. Schneider stated that Republic contacted him regarding residents possibly getting a larger

container for recycling and being picked up once a month vs. each week. Council open to the idea but wanted Republic to solicit feedback from residents on the idea. He said City is looking at possibility of obtaining Core Community Status, but this is determined by the State. Schneider stated that they continue to work with Consumers Power on relocation of light pole along Quarterline near the new diagonal parking spaces.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated they have been very busy with all the snow and ice. He said they spent multiple days fixing a water main break that had occurred on Croton Rd. near M37.

Sgt. Walerczyk stated that the Police Department and other organizations worked with the school and assisted families with food during all the school closing days that have occurred.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Fedell read Proclamation recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Erma Palmiter. Ms. Palmiter was unable to attend but Mayor Fedell stated he would be visiting her and presenting her a signed copy of the Proclamation.

Motion by Hikade, support by Black to approve amended Resolution 19-04 establishing a Public Safety Committee and appointing its committee members adding the Newaygo PSD Chair to the Committee. AIF/MC

Motion by Ederer, support by Palmiter to approve Resolution 19-05 Rural Community Demolition Grant Application, commitment of local funds, and giving the City Manager authorization to sign the grant agreement, all grant related documents and approve pay requests. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Council and Schneider discussed proposed Building Department Fees that were included in packets. Council happy with performance of North Country Inspection Services and favorable to new fees.

Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to approve the use of Brooks Park for several upcoming events/festivals for the 2019 calendar year by the River Country Chamber of Commerce and allowing the City Hall parking lot to be closed Labor Day weekend but allowing space for handicap parking nearby. AIF/MC

Motion by Hikade, support by Johnson to approve Resolution 19-06 approving the appointment of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for the City of Newaygo. AIF/MC

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nick Looman, 67 Water Street, thanked Council for allowing them to lease the alleyway for outdoor seating and stated they had a great year.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Schneider said congratulations to Erma on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Fedell thanked all for coming out.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Goodin