



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

July 8, 2019

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 Goodin

Roll Call: Present: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk
Absent: None

Motion by Black, support by Ederer to approve the amended agenda adding item "L" Request by Newaygo Neighborhood Watch and City of Newaygo Police Department for the use of Brooks Park for a Neighborhood Block Party on Tuesday, August 6th and adding item "M" City Vehicle Purchase under New Business. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nick Looman, Executive Director for 3 R Education, stated he was present to answer any questions in regards to request from 3R Education for the use of Brooks Park on September 14, 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 06/24/19 and accounts payable of \$29,064.12, \$26,513.72, \$67,544.82, \$2,515.93, and \$2,636.00. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Ken DeLaat, County Commissioner, stated that the County is working on budget and said the County is working to consolidate recycling sites while working closely with 3R Education.

Nick Looman, Principle Shopping District (PSD) Chair, discussed new document available should a PSD member want to appeal their PSD dues. Looman and Fedell explained how PSD dues were determined.

Scott Faulkner, Economic and Community Development Coordinator, discussed information in packets explaining various NEDO project updates. He spoke about Economic Development Strategy document that was in packets focusing on the preservation of small town way while accommodating the growth, the City's unique identity and direction, Newaygo's built environment and five pillars of Economic Development. Faulkner gave an update on potential grant for pedestrian bridge being discussed and stated that Christian Healthcare Centers voted unanimously to select Newaygo as their first rural location.

Ross Nelson, representing River Country Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Freedom Festival in Croton went good and reminded all of upcoming Logging Festival. He stated that the Chamber is in the process of setting up interviews for Administrative Assistant Position to handle day-to-day activities at The Stream and assist with Newaygo Chamber events.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider stated that the Wisner license agreement regarding Newaygo Riverfront Park had been signed and the annual fee was paid. He said at time Wisner signed license agreement, she dropped off suggested changes she would like made to agreement. Schneider and Chief will review suggested changes. Schneider stated that Police Department received a \$12,500 grant from Fremont Area Community Foundation for TrueBlue Mentor Academy

Program and said the sewer project is moving forward. He discussed letter submitted to Jeff Mason at the MEDC relating to the suspension bridge project.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, stated that they continue to work on sewer project and gave update on paving of additional streets in the City.

Chief Andres discussed MACP summer conference and stated the police department has been very busy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Hikade, support by Johnson to approve the Economic Development Strategy. AIF/MC

Motion by Ederer, support by Hikade to allow the City Manager and Economic and Community Development Coordinator to negotiate, with City resident, on potential purchase of a parcel and would bring proposal to Council for final approval. AIF/MC Schneider showed map of potential parcel the City may be interested in purchasing depending on price.

Schneider and Faulkner discussed potential Housing Study to help entice developers to come to Newaygo. They stated they were looking for input from Council Members. Discussion between Council Members, Faulkner and Schneider included: information City would obtain from study, is data looking for already available, and the need to be thoughtful spending tax payer dollars.

Motion by Hikade, support by Ederer to approve Resolution 19-24 adopting a Local Pavement Warranty Program. AIF/MC Fedell stated requirement by State of Michigan and must be adopted by September.

Motion by Black, support by Palmiter to approve Resolution 19-25 implementing a Local Pavement Warranty Program. AIF/MC

Motion by Johnson, support by Palmiter to approve Sewer Project Draw Request Number Four-Payment Request Number Four. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Fedell, support by Hikade to approve Sewer Change Order Number Three, items including: remove and replace 12 inch gate valve between cells 1 & 2(\$3,850), roll up door (\$1,120), FDN concrete and floor (\$3,920), precast concrete (\$13,010), Hach Auto Sampler (\$15,525), delete bid item JH26C Auto DO Meter (deducting \$4,040), and delete bid item JH10 and JH26B Auto Sampler (deducting \$16,800) and approving removal of sludge in lagoon 3 with amount not to exceed \$59,230.00. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated they are working to keep the Sewer Project moving along, but do not agree with Electrical and Mechanical costs for the Aeration Building Improvement Costs in Change Order Three and will do some additional research and negotiating before any amounts are approved for these line items. He stated that they will also be doing some additional research and negotiating for Change Order Number Four.

Motion by Hikade, support by Black to approve Letter of Agreement with Newaygo County Equalization Department. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated this agreement will reduce what we are currently paying for these services.

Motion by Palmiter, support by Johnson to approve the three members recommended on the MML Liability and Property Board of directors Election to serve as Trustees of the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund. AIF/MC

Motion by Johnson, support by Palmiter to approve request by 3R Education to use Brooks Park for organizing space for 2019 Climate March on Saturday, September 14th from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. AIF/MC

Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to approve request by Newaygo County Prevention of Child Abuse (PCA) for the use of Brooks Park for a community engagement on Thursday, July 11th from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. AIF/MC

Motion by Palmiter, support by Johnson to approve request by Newaygo Neighborhood Watch and City of Newaygo Police Department for the use of Brooks Park for a Neighborhood Block Party on Tuesday, August 6th from 4:30 pm until 10:00 pm. AIF/MC

Motion by Hikade, support by Ederer to purchase, based on last year bids, an unmarked vehicle adding hidden lights and siren for Newaygo Chief of Police, replacing current 10 year old vehicle. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Approximate cost is \$25,000 plus the cost of lights and siren.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Scott Faulkner discussed the success of Let's Art Newaygo and stated he was approached by a group interested in a potential Chalk on Sidewalk Project in conjunction with the Labor Day Festival.

Eric Lemire discussed how individual would have to submit proposed idea for their Chalk on Sidewalk Project to the City for approval.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Ederer asked about Neighborhood Block Party held last year which Chief Andres answered.
Fedell thanked all for coming out.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin