



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

October 14, 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, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk
Absent: Ederer

Motion by Hikade, support by Palmiter to excuse absent members. AIF/MC

Motion by Johnson, support by Black to approve the amended agenda adding "E" Pedestrian Bridge Project under New Business. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Palmiter, support by Hikade to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 09/09/19 and accounts payable of \$4,601.84, \$758,758.65, \$21,045.11, \$82,677.04, \$28,110.37, \$259,063.53, \$18,005.51, \$2,098.89, \$573.18, and \$2,183.46. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

Schneider went over the first quarter budget discussing the highlights and explained some revenues and expenditures. He stated that the budget is overall right where it should be and explained a couple of fluctuations.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Ken DeLaat, County Commissioner, gave an update on Recycling, discussed jail numbers, stated ground breaking ceremony for Dragon Trail was held a few weeks ago and gave an update on County 911 Dispatch. DeLaat stated that he receives positive feedback on City of Newaygo when attends functions and meetings throughout the County.

Scott Faulkner, Economic and Community Development Coordinator, discussed information in packets explaining various NEDO project updates. He spoke about Tree Initiative Grant that was received, gave an update on pedestrian bridge project and grant opportunity for pedestrian bridge. Faulkner said he is working on Marketing and Branding Strategy that he hopes to bring to Council in November. He discussed developers interested in Newaygo and said working with the VA on potential sites in Newaygo.

Mike Hikade, Newaygo Fire Board Member, gave a Fire Board update stating they hired Travis Kroll as the new Fire Chief and open house being held this evening. He discussed option of Fire Department potentially being able to utilize DNR used equipment at no charge.

Ross Nelson, representing River Country Chamber of Commerce, discussed new Board Members joining the Chamber. He stated that Charity Auction will be held on December 5th, Christmas Walk held on December 6th and St. Nick Kick held on December 7th. Nelson stated they are always in need of additional volunteers.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider discussed Class Action Lawsuit on opioids, stated that 200 plus acre property owned by Chris Ortwein along the river was on the market and stated that Visser Brothers plans to start River Run Center project in January

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2020 to have 15 apartments and total of 19 apartments once anchor tenant vacates. He gave an update on M-37 Bridge Construction and stated that TIFA had approved funding for M-37 Pilot Programs to test different lane configurations downtown to hopefully occur in spring 2020.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mark Fellows and Tammy Sutton, Code Enforcement Officers, gave an update and discussed information in packets explaining ordinance violations and warnings. They stated their main focus this past summer was to reduce “Blight” in the City. Fellows discussed Sign Ordinance. Fellows and Sutton stated they both received numerous complaints about River Front Park II relating to: lack of parking, safety for children, drunk and disorderly individuals and amount of trash during the summer weekends.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Johnson, support by Hikade approving Resolution 19-26 to Waive the Collection of Penalties or Fines for the Non-Filing, or Late Filing, of Property Transfer Affidavits. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Hikade, Fedell, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer Nay: None. CARRIED

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

No Sewer Change Orders for the month.

Motion by Hikade, support by Black to appoint the one member recommended on the MML Liability & Property Pool Board of Directors Election. AIF/MC

Motion by Johnson, support by Hikade to approve U.P. Engineers & Architects Inc. as the engineering firm for the Newaygo Crossing Pedestrian Bridge Project and approve expenditure of \$123,500 for engineering, survey and soil boring work; and authorize the Newaygo City Manager to sign/approve agreements and payment requests pertaining to these and related items. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Hikade, Fedell, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: Ederer Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated that \$150,000 for Pedestrian Bridge Project was already budgeted and approved by TIFA. He explained not planning to spend entire amount at this time, but need to have architectural drawings and survey work done to obtain DEQ Permit and potential easement from the County for area of bridge on Henning Park side.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Walerczyk stated good work by Fellows and Sutton.

Hikade stated good job to Fellows and Sutton and said that Mike Helmer, from Randy’s House would like to come and give an update at the November Council Meeting.

Johnson stated has same concerns with River Front Park Phase II during summer weekends and Council needs to look at options to alleviate concerns of citizens. He stated that Sign Ordinance needs to be reviewed.

Black stated with all future development in Newaygo that there is need for hotels/motels and additional restaurants.

Schneider complimented Fellows, Sutton and all officers for good job and said people evaluate Newaygo on how the City looks.

Fedell thanked all for coming out.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin