



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

December 9, 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 Ederer, support by Palmiter to approve the amended agenda adding “H” Mayor Pro-Tem under New Business. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Hikade, support by Walerczyk to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 11/11/19 and accounts payable of \$22,189.34, \$27,248.98, \$22,232.29, \$509,644.33, \$8,253.23, \$699.46, \$150.76, and \$1,040.00. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk
Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

The following Resolutions were also approved by consent Agenda:

- A. Motion to approve Resolution 19-27 which re-appoints Wayne Fetterley, Ron Wight and Krista Looman for three year terms and appoints Ed Fedell to the Planning Commission until 12/31/21 and corrects the term expiration of Mike Hikade on the Planning Commission.
- B. Motion to approve Resolution 19-28 which re-appoints Julie Burrell, Peggy Mathis and Joel Phillips to the TIFA/LDFA Board for four year terms.
- C. Motion to approve Resolution 19-29 which re-appoints Theresa Cooper, Jane Parsley and Ed Fedell for three year terms and appoints Mark Brock until 12/31/20 to the Principal Shopping District.
- D. Motion to approve Resolution 19-30 which re-appoints Wayne Fetterley, Bob Siders and Art Westcott to the Board of Review for three year terms.
- E. Motion to approve Resolution 19-31 which re-appoints George Heartwell, George Suchy and Ron Armstrong for three year terms and appoints Matthew Boynton until 12/31/20 and appoints Morgan Heinzman until 12/31/21 to the Newaygo Economic Development Organization Board.
- F. Motion to approve Resolution 19-32 which re-appoints Ron Wight as a Commissioner to the City of Newaygo Building Authority.
- G. Motion to approve Resolution 19-33 which re-appoints Jon Schneider and Jane Parsley to the Newaygo Community Recreational Authority Board for two year terms.
- H. Resolution 19-34 which sets the regular dates for Council, Planning, TIFA and NEDO for the 2020 calendar year.

RESERVED TIME

Patrick Mutchler of Brickley DeLong presented the City’s audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. In addition to the City’s normal audit, a “single audit” was required due to the federal grant the City received for the Sewer Project and the downtown Façade Project. He went through the audit books, hit some highlights and stated that both reports showed clean opinion with no recommendations for the City. Mutchler stated that the original budget was very accurate and gave Schneider and City staff credit for hard work put into the budget.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Jason VanderStelt, Newaygo County Clerk, gave an update on the County Clerk's Office and stated that the November Election went very smooth. He gave an update on the new Newaygo County Surveyor and stated that the County will be testing a new birth registry system.

Stu Sanders, Newaygo County Register of Deeds, gave an update on the County Register of Deeds Office and discussed a new land record system that the County is utilizing. He gave an update on staffing changes at the Register of Deeds and discussed the November Real Estate Market Report that he handed out to each Council Member.

Ken DeLaat, County Commissioner, gave an update on Recycling, discussed jail numbers and stated that the Michigan Works Office has relocated to the old VFW building on Mason Drive (M-37) South of Newaygo.

Scott Swinehart, representing the River Country Chamber of Commerce, stated that the 22nd Newaygo Christmas Walk was a great success. He said the Chamber is working on housing and childcare initiatives. Schneider expressed his gratitude to the Chamber and thanked Colleen Lynema, Executive Director of the Chamber, and her staff for all their hard work.

Scott Faulkner, Economic and Community Development Coordinator, discussed information in packets explaining various NEDO project updates. He gave an update on pedestrian suspension bridge project and grant opportunity for the pedestrian suspension bridge. Faulkner discussed Sandmold and gave an update on Christian Healthcare Centers.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider reminded Council Members of upcoming Public Meeting on December 12, 2019 at The Stream building being held by MDOT and City to discuss M-37 Pilot Programs of lane configuration changes located between River St. and Quarterline Rd. and stated that all information can be found on the City's website. He discussed possible Zoning Ordinance Amendment in Commercial District related to placement and setbacks of parking that he may bring to future Council Meeting. Schneider stated that Magna Debt will be paid off in March 2020 and will alter capture of tax revenue in the TIFA district. He discussed letter received from Newaygo County Community Collaborative Council relating to ordinance for minimum age for sale of all tobacco and nicotine products and said the City cannot change the minimum age per a recent court ruling.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Andres stated that the 2018 Report was finalized and crime rates in the City have decreased 4%. She stated that the department will be doing a survey in 2020, said that Odd/Even Parking has went into effect, and stated that Turkey for Tickets would occur on Wednesday, December 11th. Chief said new striping on M-37 between Quarterline Rd. and Croton Rd. has reduced the number of speeding tickets and has helped to calm traffic.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Hikade, support by Ederer to approve special land use permit allowing outdoor storage and displays for Tractor Supply contingent that they comply with fence height requirements and have Officer Dornbos provide a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) review. AIF/ MC Schneider stated that the Planning Commission had recommended approval of special land use permit with contingencies.

Motion by Johnson, support by Hikade to appoint Lee Black to the Personnel Policy Review Committee. AIF/MC

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

Motion by Black, support by Ederer to approve Resolution 19-35 to amend General Funds Revenue and Department of Public Works Expenses for fiscal year 2019-2020. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Hikade, Fedell, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Johnson, support by Ederer to approve U.P. Engineers & Architects amendment to agreement for Pedestrian Suspension Bridge Design work. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Hikade, Fedell, Johnson, Palmiter, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Hikade, support by Johnson to approve Resolution 19-36 to proceed with the CDBG Grant Application for Newaygo Suspension Bridge giving the City Manager or Mayor authorization to sign grant application and related documents. AIF/MC

Motion by Walerczyk, support by Black to approve request for Arbor Circle Total Trek Quest 5K on Saturday, May 16th. AIF/MC

Motion by Hikade, support by Ederer to appoint Johnson as Mayor Pro-Tem. AIF/MC Palmiter, current Mayor Pro-Tem, did not re-run for Council and his term on the Council expires at the end of 2019. Mayor Fedell stated that

Palmiter had been on Council since being appointed in February 2003 and had become Mayor Pro-Tem in January 2009. He thanked Palmiter for his years of service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Ederer thanked Palmiter for years of service.

Walerczyk stated that Palmiter will be missed.

Hikade thanked Palmiter for years of service and stated that Travis Kroll, Newwaygo Fire District Chief, would like to give a presentation at the January Council meeting.

Black thanked Palmiter for his years of service and thanked Schneider and staff for a smooth audit.

Johnson said it has been wonderful serving with Palmiter and thanked Council for his appointment as Mayor Pro-Tem.

He thanked Schneider for his attention to detail with the City finances and discussed the IAmNewaygo Facebook Page.

Goodin thanked Palmiter and said he will be missed.

Schneider thanked Palmiter for years of service and support he has provided to him over the years.

Palmiter thanked everyone and Schneider and said a lot of great things have happened in Newaygo during his time on Council.

Fedell thanked all for coming out.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin