



## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

### June 22, 2020

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fedell called the Newaygo City Council teleconference meeting to order at 7:00 PM. A teleconference meeting was held under the guidelines of Executive Order 2020-110 during the COVID-19 Virus.

Presiding officer: Mayor Fedell

Secretary: Clerk, Kim Goodin

Roll Call: Present: Black, Burns, Ederer (joined call at 7:02 PM), Fedell, Hikade, Johnson  
Absent: Walerczyk

Motion by Black, second by Burns to excuse absent members. AIF/MC

Motion by Johnson, second by Hikade to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson Absent: Walerczyk Nay: None. CARRIED

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Black, second by Ederer to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 06/08/2020 and accounts payable of \$527,430.00, \$43,580.44, \$356,769.11, \$4,530.91, \$6,931.05, \$17.40, \$40,880.52, \$195.00, and \$1,452.38. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson Absent: Walerczyk Nay: None. CARRIED

#### **RESERVED TIME**

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

Scott Faulkner, Economic and Community Development Coordinator, gave an update on the potential pedestrian bridge and stated that an Economic Analysis Impact is being requested by the EDA and that he is working with vendors to get quotes. He stated that the City has received a number of bids for design services for creating a Disc Golf Course.

Hikade, representing the Newaygo Fire Department gave an update on fire staff, training and stated that there has been an increase in the number of runs.

#### **CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

Schneider stated that the City received a few bids for demolition of Skate Park House and a decision may be reached in the next couple of days. He said he updated Fire Chief Kroll on demolition and told him if Fire Department still interested in training that it will need to be done soon. Schneider gave an update on M-37 Pilot Program and stated he has received positive feedback and asked Council for feedback. He stated that a public open house is being scheduled to have City representatives and MDOT representatives available for the public to discuss thoughts and ask questions related to the M-37 Pilot Program. Schneider stated that MDOT is monitoring the number of vehicles and the speed of vehicles. Council responses were: steady traffic flow, cars seemed more cautious, opened up more parking, and the speed limit seems to be observed better. Schneider stated that Budget Amendments on the agenda and said that currently a 3 billion shortfall being projected by the State and he kept revenue on cautious side.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Officer Rood stated that the River Patrol started a few weeks ago and that the Police Department should be taking possession of new cruiser in the next couple of weeks.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Officer Rood, School Assigned Police Officer, discussed Newaygo Public Schools Assigned Police Officer Bi-Annual Report that was included in packets. He said that he has built a good relationship with school administrators, school staff, and students. Officer Rood discussed challenges related to school shut down because of COVID-19. He stated that a possible credit would be offered to the school and each municipality towards next year’s contract if desired and referred to amounts and details listed in report. Officer Rood said he received Child Forensic Interview Training, but many of his trainings were cancelled due to COVID-19. He said he continues to work on grant funding and thanked Council for their continued support. Schneider stated that a letter of support for Officer Rood, from Newaygo High School Principal Brad Reyburn, was also included in report. Schneider said that he receives all positive comments related to Officer Rood. Council and Schneider thanked Officer Rood for his service and they all shared positive comments they have heard related to Officer Rood and the School Assigned Police Officer Position.

Motion by Ederer, second by Hikade to adopt Resolution 2020-12 to amend the City Budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson Absent: Walerczyk Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider gave an overview of budget amendments included in packets.

Motion by Hikade, second by Burns to approve Resolution 2020-13 setting the date for a public hearing to discuss changing the regular election cycle for Newaygo City Council members to November in even years. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson Absent: Walerczyk Nay: None. CARRIED Fedell stated this would align our City Election cycle with the State and Federal Election cycle saving the City approximately \$3,000 each odd year. He said that State and Federal Elections had a much higher turnout of voters. Fedell stated this would require each Council Member’s term to be extended for 1 year, as not able to shorten terms per State law.

Motion by Black, second by Johnson to approve request by Wayne Kauffman for the use of Brooks Park to have a free BBQ, open to the public, on Sunday, August 23, 2020 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Hikade, Johnson Absent: Walerczyk Nay: None. CARRIED

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Black said pleased with meeting, but looking forward to meeting in person.  
Burns thanked Faulkner for all initiatives he has been working on and thanked Officer Rood.  
Johnson thanked Officer Rood for his work and thanked Schneider for maintaining a good budget.  
Ederer said Officer Rood doing a great job and thanked Schneider for hard work with budget.  
Schneider thanked everyone for their kind words.  
Fedell thanked everyone for their participation.

Motion by Hikade, second by Black to adjourn the meeting. AIF/MC

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Goodin