



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

July 13, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson 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 Pro-Tem Johnson

Secretary: Clerk, Kim Goodin

Roll Call: Present: Black, Ederer, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk
Absent: Burns, Fedell

Motion by Black, second by Ederer to excuse absent members. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: Burns, Fedell Nay: None. CARRIED

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Hikade, second by Black to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular council minutes from 06/22/2020 and accounts payable of \$53,684.10, \$16,041.55, \$55,336.11, \$72,461.05, \$337.43, and \$9, 759.77.

Roll Call: Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: Burns, Fedell Nay: None. CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Ramona Deters, representing Newaygo Farmers Market, gave an update on the Farmers Market. She stated that the Farmers Market has occurred for the last 6 Fridays and they are averaging 8-9 vendors, 1 food truck and approximately 235-450 people each Friday. She stated that she is working on some additional payment programs and demonstrations for the future. Schneider stated that City is not receiving any complaints and hearing good compliments on the Farmers Market.

Ryan Dornbos, representing the River County Chamber of Commerce, stated that they are hopeful that some Labor Day Festivities will be able to occur.

Scott Faulkner, Economic and Community Development Coordinator, discussed information in packets explaining various NEDO project updates. He said that the City received permits from EGLE to build a potential pedestrian bridge and that they continue to work on funding with potential grants through the EDA and FAF. He stated that the City received a number of bids for design services and that himself, Schneider, and County Parks Director Nick Smith would be reviewing all the bids in coming weeks to narrow down to 2-3 vendors. Faulkner said they continue to work with CopperRock on buy/sell agreement for vacant property along Wood St.

Hikade, representing the Newaygo Fire Department gave an update on equipment purchases.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Schneider reminded Council that on Tuesday, July 14th at 6:30 pm a teleconference meeting would be held to take feedback on the M37 Pilot Program. He briefly discussed potential Disc Golf Course and bids received.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, gave an update on sewer project and stated that work on Scott St. had begun and this is part of the sewer project.

Chief Andres stated that the Police Department has been very busy and she would encourage all Council Members to take a ride to Riverfront Park Phase 2 during the weekend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Ederer, second by Walerczyk to approve a special land use for River Stop Saloon allowing a 20' x 20' outdoor table service area, including serving alcoholic drinks, behind the restaurant. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: Burns, Fedell Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated that the Planning Commission had reviewed and approved the special land use permit at their meeting last week.

Motion by Ederer, second by Walerczyk to approve license agreement for River Stop Saloon to utilize part of easement for outdoor seating behind their restaurant. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: Burns, Fedell Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated that the easement would allow the River Stop Saloon to have outdoor seating area as listed in the agreement. He said the City Attorney had reviewed the license agreement.

Motion by Black, second by Ederer to approve updated City Purchasing Policy. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: Burns, Fedell Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider went over suggested purchasing policy changes that were included in packets. He said that the main changes include: more flexibility on type of bid notices required, adjusts purchasing thresholds, adjusts the amounts before bids required, and allows the City Manager to approve items if already listed in budget detail sheets that were previously approved by Council.

Motion by Black, second by Ederer to approve budget detail sheets and amounts listed with amendments that were included in packets. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: Burns, Fedell Nay: None. CARRIED Budget details sheets were included in packets and had been previously approved by Council, but Schneider listed additional details in budget detail sheets for Council.

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

Motion by Hikade, second by Ederer to approve Sewer Project Change Order Number Nine. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: Burns, Fedell Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider went through itemized description of Change Order Number Nine that was included in packets.

Motion by Black, second by Hikade to approve Ordinance 2020-04 amending Chapter 30, Section 30-1 regarding nuisances. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: Burns, Fedell Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated that the only change is adding the wording "Maintaining a Drug House" to the nuisance ordinance.

Motion by Hikade, second by Ederer to approve Impound Policy and Fee Schedule. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Ederer, Hikade, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: Burns, Fedell Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated that the City Attorney recommended that Council give the City Manager the authority to approve impound policy and fee schedule, but will not exceed \$500 per item. Council discussed trash and rafts/tubes being left in Riverfront Parks.

Schneider discussed the documents included in packets related to the M37 Rehab Project that MDOT has requested: Highway Easement, Drainage Easement, Consent to Grade, Consent to Construct Sidewalk. He stated that the project will occur in the spring and summer of 2021. Schneider stated that the City Attorney had reviewed and made suggestions which were sent to MDOT and that no action required at this time, but looking for suggestions. Council discussed area in front of Peace Memorial and are okay with anything currently paved, but concerned with what looks to be additional area MDOT wants an easement for that is currently not paved. They do not want to disrupt the Peace Memorial. Council concerned with drainage easement area under bridge and will MDOT's request interfere with Riverfront Trail improvements desired by the City.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A community member outside of the City that lives along the Muskegon River voiced her concerns with the amount of tubers, individual's behavior, and amount of trash on her property. She asked who holds the rafting businesses accountable and who she should contact with her concerns. Council discussed concerns that were voiced along with own individual concerns.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Ederer asked about some trees that had fallen at Marshall Park. Wight said he would take a look at Marshall Park.

Black thanked Faulkner and Schneider.

Schneider thanked public for comments and overall we all want to make the community a better place.

Johnson thanked everyone.

Motion by Ederer, second by Walerczyk to adjourn the meeting. AIF/MC

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Mayor Pro-Tem – Eric Johnson

Clerk – Kim Goodin