



## MINUTES

### Special Meeting of Newaygo City Council

### May 27, 2021

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fedell called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM. The meeting was held at City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337 and via teleconference.

Presiding officer: Mayor Fedell

Secretary: Clerk, Kim Goodin

Roll Call: Present at City Hall: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell  
Present via phone: Johnson  
Absent: Walerczyk

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

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Schneider discussed MDOT Project along M37 that will start on June 7, 2021. He gave an update on the watermain project from River St. to East St. stating that MDOT would require a detour for northbound traffic should the watermain project occur along this area and the watermain is placed under the center of M37. Schneider discussed detour options that MDOT had presented and voiced his concerns with northbound traffic not driving through town after a year where many businesses were negatively impacted due to COVID. He said that Wight, himself, and engineers have come up with a potential option that would place most of the new watermains out of M37 potentially alleviating a detour. Schneider said that watermains would be placed along State St. to Washington St. and the shoulder of the road along M37 and only cross M37 at intersections. He said that they will have more information in the next few days and he feels this option looks promising stating this option could provide more reasonable project costs. Schneider and Council discussed a number of concerns with potential detour. Consensus of Council was for Schneider and engineers to do whatever possible to eliminate detour and if a detour was needed to delay the project a few years.

Motion by Fedell, second by Black to pursue the watermain project from River St. to East St. if able to place watermains along State St. to Washington St. and utilizing the shoulder area of M37 where possible and if the project is not possible unless traffic is detoured around town, which would cause northbound traffic to bypass the business district, then postpone the project a few years. AIF/MC

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Schneider stated that the closing for Railside property had occurred and CopperRock Construction may break ground on Christian Healthcare Center mid-summer. He said that all documents had been signed to refinance 2003 water and sewer bonds. Schneider gave an update on branding/logo.

All Council Members commented how nice the new banners look in town.

Burns said her son wanted to thank City for repairs to Skate Park. Schneider said that Myles Cronk volunteered his time to repair the Skate Park and deserves the thanks.

Motion by Black, second by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 PM. AIF/MC

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Goodin