



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council

July 12, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fedell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held at City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337.

Presiding officer: Mayor Fedell

Secretary: Clerk, Kim Goodin

Roll Call: Present: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk
Absent: None

Motion by Burns, second by Ederer to approve the amended agenda adding Resolution 2021-27 approving M37 Watermain Project, Vendors, and Signatories to letter "C" on the agenda. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the regular meeting council minutes from 06/28/2021 and accounts payable of \$11,138.34, \$72,820.19, \$81,348.10, \$24.99, \$3,728.56, and \$2,850.00. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None.
CARRIED

RESERVED TIME

Motion by Ederer, second by Johnson at 7:05 pm to open public hearing to take comments, answer questions, and receive a final report on the completion of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Façade Improvement Projects at 34 State Rd. and 41 State Rd. that have recently been completed. AIF/MC Schneider discussed the project and stated that it had been in process for a number of years and construction was completed at the end of 2020. He said that both businesses looked great and were doing very well. All council members commented that the buildings look great. No comments from the public. Motion by Black, second by Burns at 7:07 pm to close public hearing. AIF/MC

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Kamille Massey, Director of Events for River Country Chamber of Commerce, gave an update on the Social District stating that they received a grant for the project and were working with architects for renderings of the area. She said they hope to have the Social District open by the end of October. Massey stated that they plan to move the Labor Day Logging Festival to Shaw Park because of the road work on M37. Massey and Council discussed parking options for event at Shaw Park. She said that they are tentatively planning to have a Labor Day Parade on Friday, September 3rd with a new route not involving M37 and said that they will be working with the Police Department on the parade route.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider stated that Christian Healthcare Center and Biggby were working on their water and sewer hook ups with the DPW. He gave an update on the Disc Golf Course and said that seven holes should be complete by the end of summer. Schneider and Council discussed businesses interested in selling merchandise with the new City logo and the consensus of the Council is that the logo should be trademarked and has to be licensed prior to any business utilizing the logo.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent said that he is very busy with all of the projects.

Officer Rood, Newaygo Public School (NPS) Assigned Police Officer, handed out a bi-annual report covering the last six months. He discussed the unique school year related to the guidelines imposed by COVID-19. Officer Rood gave an overview of the type of incidents that were investigated at NPS and discussed other activities and trainings that he and/or Officer Dornbos participated in or hosted. He discussed his participation with the Open Arms Child Advocacy Center and said that the Newaygo Police Department, NPS, and TruNorth participated in the TrueBlue Mentoring for the third year.

Chief Andres stated that the Newaygo Police Department received accreditation for the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. She said that Officer Dornbos was the Program Manger of the Accreditation process and that Beth Fellows, Police Department Administrative Assistant, assisted with the process. Chief Andres said that the City Council will be formally presented with the Accreditation at the August Council Meeting. She gave an update on the Feasibility Study stating that the community outreach portion will be occurring soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Schneider asked Council members for future development ideas that they would like to see in the community. He discussed the list of ideas that had been discussed at the previous Council and Planning Meetings. Council Members discussed: outdoor activities, youth center, and outdoor venues.

Motion by Ederer, second by Fedell to allow a crosswalk across M37 at Barton St. with Schneider and Chief Andres having a discussion with MDOT prior to crosswalk installation. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider gave an update on request that MDOT had received from a community member regarding a crosswalk across M37 at Barton Street. He stated that MDOT is open to this crosswalk occurring during the current M37 Project, but they had reached out to the City for input. Council, Schneider, and Chief Andres discussed the pros and cons of the crosswalk.

Motion by Burns, second by Ederer to approve Resolution 2021-27 approving M37 Watermain Project, Vendors and Signatories. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated that this Resolution contained an updated pricing proposal from the previous Resolution that was approved. He gave an update on the proposed plan for the watermain project from River St. to East St. stating that they are planning to utilize directional drilling for watermains that cross M37 and the other watermains will run along M37 and not under M37 which should eliminate the need for a detour for northbound traffic.

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve Resolution 2021-26 to approve Bonds/Loan for M37 Watermain Project. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, Ederer, Fedell, Johnson, Walerczyk Absent: None Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider said that he will start obtaining proposals from banks.

Motion by Johnson, second by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 2021-25 to adopt the Newaygo County Hazard Management Plan. AIF/MC

Motion by Johnson, second by Ederer to approve acquiring the American Rescue Plan Funds. AIF/MC Schneider stated that the American Rescue Plan Stimulus funds are starting to be available to non-entitlement units of local government, which is the category that the City falls into, and the City will have to request the funds. He said that you receive half of the funds when requested and the other half in a year. Schneider discussed list of eligible items that the funds could be utilized towards.

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve the request by Wayne Kauffman for the use of Brooks Park to have a free BBQ, open to the public, on Sunday, August 22nd from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. AIF/MC

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to approve the members recommended on the MML Workers' Compensation Fund to serve as trustees to the MML Workers' Compensation Fund Board. AIF/MC

Council discussed the MML Annual Meeting and no Council Members are planning to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Massey said a larger community center in Newaygo would be a nice addition for future development ideas.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Walerczyk stated that Officer Rood does a great job in the schools and she feels that Officer Dornbos, Officer Rood, Officer Nelson, and Officer Walerczyk do a great job in their positions and should be kept in their positions.

Johnson said good job to the Police Department on receiving accreditation.

Burns said good job to the Police Department and thanked Ron Wight for his extra efforts with answering questions and stopping at their house to help with a water situation.

Black said good job to the Police Department and asked Chief to share with her staff what a good job they are doing. He discussed the possibility of getting Council packets out earlier in the week allowing Council Members more time to review information and said that other municipalities have deadlines on submission of documents for packets.

Schneider said congratulations to the Police Department and said that all City employees do a great job. Fedell thanked everyone for coming out and said everyone doing a great job.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin