



**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council**  
**September 8, 2025**

**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, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Walerczyk, Walker  
Absent: None

Motion by Burns, second by Walker to approve the amended agenda changing item X to read “Closed Session-Purchase Consideration of Real Property”, item XI to read “Council Member Comments” and adding item XII to read “Adjournment.” AIF/MC

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve the Consent Agenda which includes Council regular meeting minutes from 08/11/2025 and approval of accounts payable of \$4,640.78, \$40,399.29, \$93.11, \$155,196.58, \$280,350.39, \$225.00, \$15,671.43, \$186,841.82, \$1,742,000.40, \$32,507.66, \$1,275.32, \$113.73 and \$5,924.95. AIF/MC

**RESERVED TIME**

Nothing under reserved time.

**COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS**

Lori Tubbergen Clark, Newaygo County Commissioner, provided statistics on a Commission on Aging Study, camping at the County Parks, Michigan Works data, and unemployment information for the County and State.

Tim Liberty, representing River Country Chamber of Commerce, said that the Newaygo Logging Festival was very successful and gave updates on a number of upcoming Chamber events.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Schneider said that the City had recently posted a request for proposals for a City Welcome Sign by Wendy's. He addressed a request from the library to install story boards in Brooks Park. Based on conversations with the mayor and City staff, Schneider recommended that the library talk with the elementary school about placing the displays at the school. Schneider said that there were concerns that placing the displays in the park would create maintenance issues and they might be in the way during park rentals and events hosted by the Chamber. Schneider answered questions from Council regarding the status of the J&H Store at 40 E 82<sup>nd</sup> St and the status of Wood Street pavement corrections.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, gave an update on sidewalks being installed along Division St., Brooks St., and Mundy Ave.

Schneider said that Chief Andres was unable to attend the meeting. He said that the Police 2024 Annual Report had been distributed to all Council Members and if they had any questions to contact Chief.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to approve application for use of City logo by Lake and River Trading Company, owned by Gina Bevelacqua. AIF/MC Gina Bevelacqua was present and said that she is a vendor at Market 41, downtown Newaygo, and gets inquiries from customers if they have any merchandise with the City Logo. Bevelacqua's application was included in packets which included pictures of potential merchandise that would display the City logo. Schneider discussed the rules and restrictions pertaining to the logo stating that all the rules and restrictions were listed on the application that Bevelacqua submitted.

Motion by Walker, second by Burns to approve the agreement between the City and Lake and River Trading Company, owned by Gina Bevelacqua for use of the City logo. AIF/MC

Motion by DeVries, second by Walker to follow option two for the Fremont Area Community Foundation City Endowment Fund. Option two states that if no grant request is made by November 30<sup>th</sup>, the total spendable amount will be returned to the endowment fund's principal balance on December 31<sup>st</sup>. AIF/MC Schneider gave an overview of the City Endowment Fund at the Fremont Area Community Foundation (FACF) and discussed changes related to distributions and grant requests stating that information from the FACF was included in packets.

Schneider discussed information included in packets related to the City's need for Charter Commissioners for a potential Charter revision and recommended placing this information in the fall update letter sent to all residents. Consensus of Council was to place the information in the fall update letter.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

Motion by Black, second by Engemann at 7:36 pm to go into closed session to discuss purchase consideration of real property. Roll Call: Yeas: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Walerczyk, Walker Nays: None Absent: None MOTION CARRIED Fedell asked Jon Schneider, City Manager and Kim Goodin, City Clerk to join the closed session.

Motion by Black, second by Burns at 8:02 pm to reconvene and go back into open session. AIF/MC

## **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

No Council Member comments.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. AIF/MC

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Goodin