



**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council**  
**May 11, 2026**

**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 agenda as presented. AIF/MC

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Walker, second by Black to approve the Consent Agenda which includes Council regular meeting minutes from 04/13/2026 and approval of accounts payable of \$53,281.83, \$29,902.43, \$15,256.67, \$93,139.56, \$1,902.00, \$308,767.68, \$59.00, \$10,607.27 and \$2,981.00. AIF/MC

**RESERVED TIME**

Paul Haan, Executive Director of Muskegon River Watershed Assembly, presented on the removal of three dams along Penoyer Creek. He displayed pictures of each dam and surrounding areas, discussed time lines of each dam removal and gave an overview of what is required at each dam. He discussed funding for each dam project stating that they are still in the process of raising funds for the Rowe Manufacturing Dam. Schneider reminded Haan that a City water main is in the area of the Rowe Manufacturing Dam and will have to be taken into consideration during the engineering process. The water main is old and susceptible to breaking if disturbed.

**COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS**

Chief Otteren, Newaygo District Fire Chief, introduced Jake Fowler as the newly appointed Newaygo District Fire Chief.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Schneider discussed potential forestry projects in the City, the potential addition of Michigan Class as an additional financial institution for the City, and stated that the Riverfront Parks have reopened with the exception of the playground equipment at Phase 1 Park. He discussed bills being introduced at the State level regarding potential zoning law changes which would remove local control regarding housing and parcel related regulations. Schneider asked Council for their thoughts on donating some of the old gray/black chairs from the City Council Chambers, which are being stored at the DPW garage, to the White Cloud Public Library. Consensus of Council was to donate the chairs to the White Cloud Public Library. Schneider and Chief Andres discussed Police Social Workers funding stating that a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Newaygo Police, City of Fremont Police, Arbor Circle and CIT International had been distributed prior to the Council meeting. Chief explained that the MOA is a prerequisite for a grant application to secure continued funding for Police Social Worker. Schneider stated

that the agreement would only be effective if the City was awarded the grant. Consensus of Council was for Schneider to sign the MOA and submit.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Chief Andres discussed promotions and position changes that would be upcoming in the Police Department. She said that the Police Department has been very busy and that Newaygo County Kids Day would be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> in Brooks Park.

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

Motion by Black, second by Walker to approve naming the pocket park “Anishinaabe Park”. AIF/MC Fedell explained how the pocket park name was decided and that a detail sheet regarding the name and some history was included in Council packets.

Motion by Burns, second by DeVries to approve License Agreement for Wisner Canoe to use Riverfront Park Phase II. AIF/MC Fedell said that no changes had been made except the dates and the 3% annual increase to the license fee.

Motion by Engemann, second by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 2026-12 acknowledging reporting and certification of the Police, Fire and EMS Services Special Assessment Roll and calling a Public Hearing on the Roll. AIF/MC Fedell stated that the public hearing will be held at the June 8<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting.

Motion by Walker, second by Black to approve Resolution 2026-11 approving NCRA Budget for FY 2026-2027. AIF/MC Resolution 2026-11 had been approved at the April Council meeting, but the wrong budget had been attached. The correct revenue is \$40,671.00 and expenses of \$46,400.00.

Motion by Burns, second by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 2026-13 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 TIFA Budget. AIF/MC Fedell said that the TIFA Board had reviewed and approved budget amendments at their recent meeting in April.

Motion by Black, second by Burns to open public hearing at 8:00 pm to discuss and take comments on the proposed City Budget and millage rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. AIF/MC Schneider went through the proposed budget for FY 2026-2027 discussing highlights stating that the current FY 2025-2026 budget and proposed FY 2026-2027 budget had also been discussed in detail at the April Council meeting. He said that the Capital Improvement Plan was included in budget books and it contained current and future projects. He stated that the millage rate was unchanged and remained at 17.75. There were no Council or public comments or questions. Motion by Burns, second by Black at 8:10 pm to close public hearing. AIF/MC

Motion by Walker, second by Burns to approve Resolution 2026-14 adopting City Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. AIF/MC

Motion by Engemann, second by Walerczyk to approve Resolution 2026-15 adopting the FY 2026-2027 City Millage Levy. AIF/MC

Motion by Burns, second by Walker to approve the City Capital Improvement Plan dated April 29, 2026. AIF/MC

Motion by Walker, second by Burns to approve Resolution 2026-16 approving the appointment of Ed Fedell to the Newaygo Fire District Board. AIF/MC

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Council questions and comments were made related to water pooling in area along Wood St., debris recently removed from the Railroad Bridge and potential service road between Cooperative Center Drive and East Street that had been discussed over the past couple of years. All Council members thanked Fire Chief Otteren for his years of service.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm. AIF/MC

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Mayor – Ed Fedell

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Clerk – Kim Goodin