



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
June 8, 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, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Walerczyk, Walker

Absent: Burns

Motion by Black, second by Walerczyk to excuse absent member. AIF/MC

Motion by Engemann, second by Walerczyk 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 05/11/2026 and approval of accounts payable of \$275,000.00, \$205,644.03, \$23,753.47, \$19,481.10, \$177,528.07, \$1,083.21, \$93.04 and \$4,316.59. AIF/MC

RESERVED TIME

Motion by Black, second by Engemann to approve Resolution 2026-17 honoring Emergency Services Director Abby Watkins. AIF/MC Chief Andres thanked Watkins for her years of support during flooding, school, fire and other incidents. Schneider thanked Watkins for her responsiveness and assistance to the City, and Mayor Fedell presented Watkins with a signed copy of the Resolution.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Newaygo County Commissioner Lori Tubbergen Clark discussed Newaygo County Mental Health 2024/2025 annual report, Commission on Aging updates and Newaygo County unemployment statistics. She said that the County has started working on the new fiscal year budget.

Ramona Deters, representing the River Country Chamber of Commerce, provided updates on the Newaygo Farmers Market and discussed recent and upcoming Chamber events.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider said that a flyer provided by Consumers Energy was included in packets discussing the economic impact of the dams on the Muskegon River. He gave an update on the pocket park and said that the City had received a \$25,000 grant from the FACF for the pocket park. Schneider said that the City sold one of the old pick-up trucks for \$50,000 and is looking to sell the old vector truck. He discussed new State regulations which go into effect in 2028 not allowing the sale of ornamental pear trees, which are the trees downtown located along M37. He gave an update on J&H Gas Station discussing trees they planted as a barrier and stated that they adjusted some lighting to try and reduce the brightness on the East side of the gas station. Schneider said that the second meeting in June will be moved from June 22nd to June 29th to allow additional time for budget amendments.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, said that they have been very busy and that he recently toured Highbank Apartments stating that he is very impressed with them.

Chief Andres stated that the Police Department has been very busy and said that the grant expired for the 2nd School Resource Officer and this officer recently resigned to work in the private sector. Chief discussed grant for Police Social Worker that they applied for and expect to hear back mid-to-late summer.

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion by Black, second by Walker at 7:41 pm to open public hearing to discuss and take comments on the Police, Fire and EMS Services Special Assessment Roll. AIF/MC Schneider said that this is the last public hearing of the year for the Police, Fire and EMS Services Special Assessment. He said that a letter and final notice will be mailed to all residents and businesses. No council or public comments. Motion by Black, second by Walerczyk at 7:43 pm to close the public hearing. AIF/MC

Motion by Walker, second by Engemann to approve Resolution 2026-18 confirming Police, Fire and EMS Services Special Assessment Roll and Directing Payment and Collection of Special Assessment. AIF/MC

Motion by Engemann, second by DeVries to approve Anishinaabe Park Monument Design and Cost of \$8,497.00. AIF/MC Fedell discussed the design of Anishinaabe Park Monument stating that the design had been approved by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Picture of monument was included in packets.

Motion by Black, second by Walker to approve lease for antennae on water tower between the City and NCRESA/NCATS. AIF/MC Schneider said that the lease is a renewal and is very similar to the previous lease. He said that the major changes are that NCATS plans to move equipment out of the stem of the water tower and relocate outside near the base of the tower and the new lease clarified the language on the term of the agreement.

Motion by Walker, second by DeVries to approve Ordinance 2026-04 amending Sections 18A.03, 18A.04 and 18A.06 of Chapter 18A (Planned Unit Development-the Rezoning PUD) of the Zoning Ordinance for the City. AIF/MC Schneider said that normally PUD rezoning and site plans are done at the same time and proposed changes would allow a “Shell PUD.” He said that a “Shell PUD” would allow the City Council to approve rezoning a parcel as PUD without a corresponding site plan noting that a site plan would eventually have to be approved before construction could occur. Schneider said that the other proposed amendment would possibly allow accessory dwelling units and tiny houses in PUD areas.

Motion by Walker, second by DeVries to approve Resolution 2026-19 approving the addition of Michigan Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System as an approved investment option for the City. AIF/MC Schneider said that the City is not changing current investments at this time, but it gives the City another financial institution if feasible in the future.

Motion by Black, second by Walerczyk to approve updates to Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan. AIF/MC Schneider said that changes made were dictated by the State.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council, Chief and Schneider discussed door-to-door peddlers permit process in the City and if the City could eliminate peddler permits. Chief said she would research options.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Engemann to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. AIF/MC

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin