



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
July 13, 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, Engemann, Fedell, Walerczyk, Walker
Absent: DeVries

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

Motion by Walker, second by Engemann to approve the agenda as presented. 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 06/29/2026, approval of accounts payable of \$3,168.60, \$16,826.59, \$132,748.05, \$229,849.42, \$15,141.51, \$100.00 and \$4,312.00. AIF/MC

RESERVED TIME

No items under reserved time.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Newaygo County Commissioner Lori Tubbergen Clark discussed statistics about the County Parks, Mid-Michigan Medical Examiner's Office, and Commission on Aging. She discussed a State Grant that the County applied for to expand transportation in the County stating that they will find out if the County is awarded in October.

Jason Wolford, Newaygo District Fire Deputy Chief, provided a written handout which discussed department activity, ongoing initiatives and projects during the first half of 2026. He discussed a new truck that the fire department recently purchased.

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 the Code Enforcement Agreement between the City Police and Croton and Brooks Township expired and he and Chief are working to update the agreement and stated the updated version will come back to a future Council meeting. He discussed events that Corrigan's Repair & Sales (8115 S Mason Dr) recently held and would like to hold at their business which are not in the City's Ordinance. Schneider said this had been discussed in detail at the Planning Commission meeting and he will be meeting with the business for additional clarification to determine next steps needed. Schneider provided updates on ornamental pear trees downtown along M37, Pocket Park, Highbank Apartments, the City Welcome Sign and a fiber optics internet project planned throughout town.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Andres stated that the Police Department has been very busy and they are finalizing paperwork for their two year accreditation audit. She said that the School Assigned Police Officer Bi-Annual Report was included in packets.

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion by Burns, second by Walker to approve Resolution 2026-22 adopting the Newaygo County Hazard Management Plan. AIF/MC

Motion by Walker, second by Engemann to approve Ordinance 2026-05 to amend section 17.02 (Permitted Uses) of Chapter 17 (Industrial I-1) of the City Zoning Ordinance. AIF/MC Fedell stated that the Planning Commission had approved recommending that City Council approve Ordinance 2026-05 which would allow a church as a “Permitted Use” in the Industrial (I-1) District.

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve Ordinance 2026-06 to amend section 13.03 (Special Land Uses) of Chapter 13 (Multiple Family Residential R-3) of the City Zoning Ordinance. AIF/MC Fedell stated that the Planning Commission had approved recommending that City Council approve Ordinance 2026-06 which would allow a non-medical counseling or group counseling center as a “Special Land Use” in the R-3 District.

Motion by Engemann, second by Walerczyk to approve Ordinance 2026-07 to Rezone parcels known as Mundy Ave properties along Mundy Ave from Rural Residential (RR) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) and to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Newaygo Zoning Ordinance. AIF/MC Fedell stated that the Planning Commission held a public hearing at their recent meeting to discuss and take comments on rezoning Mundy Ave parcels and they had approved recommending that City Council approve Ordinance 2026-07.

Schneider said that at a recent staff meeting it was discussed about the possibility of closing City Hall from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm each day and wanted to get Council input. He said that there are some days where it is a challenge to have back-up coverage at the front desk and staff is concerned with back-up coverage during Goodin absence and training of a new City Clerk. Council members discussed the potential inconvenience to residents and recommended City staff keeps track of in-person customers and calls throughout the day and bring information back to a future Council meeting.

Schneider discussed proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 5 “Signs & Billboards” stating that they had been discussed in detail at the Planning Commission. He said that the main proposed changes are that signs can no longer be regulated by content, per a previous Supreme Court case, temporary signage without a permit, and electronic signage. No comments or concerns from Council Members.

Schneider said that it had briefly been discussed at the previous Council Meeting about issues with dog urination on headstones and dog waste in the cemetery. Council members discussed possibly installing signage stating that dogs are allowed only on roads and reminding people to pick up dog waste. Schneider, Wight and Chief to discuss in more detail.

Motion by Black, second by Burns to give City Manager (Jon Schneider) authority to sign conflict waiver from Bloom Sluggett regarding work for the Fire District. AIF/MC Schneider said that Bloom Sluggett represents the City and needs a conflict waiver signed to also work with the Fire District.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

No Council Member comments.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. AIF/MC