



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
August 10, 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 Walker, second by Burns to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Burns, second by Walker to approve the Consent Agenda which includes Council regular meeting minutes from 07/13/2026, approval of accounts payable of \$28,029.96, \$236,437.09, \$5,778.60, \$13,245.38, \$44,348.54, \$14,668.84, \$299.90, \$163,963.18, \$1,926.00, \$9,073.95, \$172,481.02, \$298,311.82, \$589.14, \$5,250.99, and \$580.00. AIF/MC

RESERVED TIME

No items under reserved time.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Newaygo District Fire Chief Fowler provided a written handout detailing number of calls, Engine 1210 replacement project, training and operational readiness, and upcoming events.

Ramona Deters, representing the River Country Chamber of Commerce, discussed recent and upcoming Chamber events. She discussed a scheduling conflict on the Friday before the Labor Day Festival (September 4) between the set-up of festival vendors and the Farmers Market vendors. Deters requested approval for the Farmers Market vendors to set up in front of City Hall along M37 on Friday, September 4th stating that they would not block sidewalks or have a food truck that day.

Motion by Black, second by Burns to approve request for the Newaygo Farmers Market vendors to set-up in front of City Hall along M37 on Friday, September 4, 2026 providing they do not block the sidewalks or have a food truck. AIF/MC

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider discussed the Pocket Park stating that it was usable and he was working on a final list of items which needed to be completed. He provided updates on Highbank Apartments, water service line project and fiber optics internet project planned throughout town.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Officer Hallesy was present and stated that the 2025 Annual Police Report was included in packets.

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, said that they have been very busy.

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion by Black, second by Engemann to approve request by Lee Durham/Good Portion Ministries for the use of Brooks Park to have a music worship on Friday, August 21, 2026 from 7:00pm-9:00pm. AIF/MC Application was included in packets.

Motion by Engemann, second by Walerczyk to approve request by Wayne Kauffman for the use of Brooks Park to have a free BBQ open to the public on Sunday, August 23, 2026 from 9:00am-3:00pm. AIF/MC Application was included in packets.

Motion by Burns, second by Walker to approve request by John Davis/Love in the Name of Christ of Newaygo County for the use of Brooks Park to have a Community Walk and Worship in the park on Sunday, September 13, 2026 from 12:00pm-3:00pm. AIF/MC Application was included in packets.

Motion by Burns, second by Engemann to approve Ordinance to amend sections of Chapter 5 (Signs and Billboards) of the City Zoning Ordinance. AIF/MC Fedell stated that the proposed amendments had been discussed at the previous Council meeting and that the Planning Commission had recommended Council approve proposed amendments.

Schneider and Council Members discussed the possibility of closing City Hall for an hour each day to assist with challenges of coverage at the front desk. Consensus of Council was to keep City Hall open and only close if absolutely necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Members stated how amazing the flowers look in town and how nice the Welcome Sign looks.

Schneider said that he and Wight would be reviewing options for tables and benches in the pocket park in the coming weeks and explained that all the walls inside the pocket park are at a level you can sit on.

Motion by Walerczyk, second by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm. AIF/MC

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Clerk – Kim Goodin