CITY OF NEWAYGO

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Newaygo City Council
September 14, 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: City Manager, Jon Schneider

Roll Call: Present: Black, Burns, DeVries, Engemann, Fedell, Walker
Absent: Walerczyk

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

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 Burns to approve the Consent Agenda which includes Council regular meeting minutes from 08/10/2026, approval of accounts payable of $66.00, $199,845.05, $28,054.64, $514.00, $46,468.28, $363.39, $48,003.89, $291,418.26, $19,018.18, $2,017.89, $921,697.70, $1,330,091.09, $608,049.43, $12,263.78, $65,592.85, $648.59, $5,676.68, $454.33, and $532.53. AIF/MC

RESERVED TIME

No items under reserved time.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Newaygo County Commissioner Lori Tubbergen Clark said that the Commission on Aging site at the Grant Community Center will start serving lunch on September 26, 2026. She gave updates on a new app for the Newaygo County Sheriff Department, data from MI Works, and Near MISS information on WMSRDC website which tracks traffic safety issues. Tubbergen Clark said that the County budget had been adopted.

Ramona Deters, representing the River Country Chamber of Commerce, said that the Logging Day Festival went well and discussed upcoming Chamber events. She said that the Farmers Market was done for the season and they had a good season with an average of 12-14 vendors each week.

Jason Wolford, Newaygo District Fire Deputy Chief, said they had approximately 600 people attend the recent pancake breakfast and stated that the recently purchased new truck was in service. He discussed recent training events and said they estimate 800 service calls for the year.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Schneider gave updates on the funding status of the Police Social Worker and a potential Ordinance which may be needed regarding land divisions under amended state laws. He discussed managing dogs in the cemetery with new signage and issuing citations if needed stating that this had been discussed at a previous Council meeting. Schneider said that timber sale is on the agenda and the land sale to a developer for housing will be addressed and come to Council in the coming months. He discussed potential joint board meeting with Council, Planning, TIFA, and PSD which may be needed in coming months to discuss Ridgeway Housing Project and also discussed EDA Market study stating that he may have something for Council to act upon in

the coming months. Schneider said that he and Wight are dealing with grease dumpster issues in downtown parking lot and stated that the old vactor truck had been sold for $30,000 to the City of White Cloud. He gave an update on new benches for the Pocket Park and the trash barrels downtown stating that PSD said they would like to see if the current black metal trash barrels could be rehabbed. Schneider provided project updates.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ron Wight, DPW Superintendent, said that Riverfront Park Phase 1 Park playground has been refurbished, Skate Park ramp has been repaired and Marshall Trail areas needing repair have been completed.

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion by DeVries, second by Burns to approve Special Land Use Request by Newaygo Area Alano Club to use the building at 409 Mundy Ave for a Non-Medical/Group Counseling Center (Parcel #62-18-25-100-003). AIF/MC Schneider said that the Planning Commission had approved recommendation for Council to approve Special Land Use Request by Newaygo Area Alano Club.

Motion by Black, second by Engemann to approve request by Newaygo Area District Library to host two food trucks in Brooks Park on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm during the Scarecrow Stroll. AIF/MC

Schneider discussed need for new City Hall Sign stating that it should be updated with new logo and branding. Schneider and Council discussed the possibility of having an electronic message board on the sign, what should be on the sign and if the city website should be listed on the sign.

Motion by Engemann, second by DeVries to proceed with the timber sale bid process for the Mundy Ave property in preparation for housing development. AIF/MC Schneider discussed Request for Proposal details included in meeting packets. Council discussion included: ensuring contractor reputability, proper cleaning of land and establishing a project timeline.

Motion by Walker, second by Burns to approve Resolution 2026-23 authorizing the City Manager to hire a candidate for the position of City Clerk and appointment of Deputy Clerks as needed. AIF/MC Black gave update on interview process.

Schneider, Council and Chief Andres discussed sample special event policies that had been emailed to all Board Members. Schneider stated that the Planning Commission had discussed and consensus was that no new ordinance for special events on private property was needed at this time. Suggestions from Council Members and Chief Andres suggested that any future ordinance should address large ongoing events, safety issues and define clearer, more specific regulations. Consensus was to further evaluate if a stand-alone ordinance is needed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

City resident discussed parking on Quarterline Rd in front of 40 & 46 Quarterline Rd and asked if a couple of "no parking signs" could be installed or additional hash marks could be added on pavement. Wight, Andres and Schneider to discuss.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Black suggested that Council members tour the Mundy Ave property. Schneider will send Black a contact number for someone that is very familiar with the property and could provide a tour of the property..

Motion by Burns, second by Engemann to adjourn the meeting. AIF/MC

Ed Fedell

Mayor – Ed Fedell

Kim Goodin

Clerk – Kim Goodin