

City of White Cloud
12 N. Charles Street
White Cloud, Michigan 49349

**Regular Meeting Minutes for
April 4, 2016**

A. Meeting Called to Order

The Regular Meeting of the White Cloud City Council was held on the above date at the White Cloud City Offices. Mayor Donald Barnhard called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Donald Barnhard and Pro-Tem Charles Chandler
Councilmembers: Jeffrey Murchison, Herm Becker, Matt Priest and Cassie Stewart (7:02 PM)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Lora Kalkofen and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Hilary Davis

Public in Attendance: Carl & Ruth Sprout, Orrie & Pat Ebenstein, Dan Abid, Sariena Maka, Ed Canning, Chuck Trapp, Jacque Robinson, Laura Priest, Julie Burgess, and Candice & Richard Dault.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Priest to approve the April 4, 2016 agenda as presented.

Vote: Ayes- All Nays- None Motion Carried

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Jeffery Murchison gave the invocation and Mayor Barnhard led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Public Comment: - Received

1. White Cloud Grades 6-12 Principal Ed Canning spoke about the proposal on the May Election ballot.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2016

Minutes of the City of White Cloud City Council meeting held on March 21, 2016 were presented to Council for consideration.

Motion by Murchison, **Seconded** by Priest to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for the White Cloud City Council meeting held on March 21, 2016 as presented.

Vote: Ayes- All Nays- None Motion Carried

D. Authorization to Pay Bills & Payroll Wages

1. A listing of invoices and payroll was presented to Council for discussion and consideration.

Motion by Murchison, **Seconded** by Chandler to approve the payment of invoices and payroll wages totaling \$31,287.43.

Roll Call Vote: **Ayes:** Chandler, Becker, Priest, Murchison, Stewart, and Barnhard
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstained None

Motion Carried

E. Department Reports

1. Zoning Administrator’s Report

Zoning Administrator Robert Hall submitted a Planning and Zoning Report for Council’s Review.

Motion by Chandler, **Seconded** by Becker to accept the Zoning Administrator’s Report as presented.

Vote: **Ayes-** All **Nays-** None **Motion Carried**

2. Police Department Report

Chief Mendham submitted a Police Department Activity Report for the month of March 2016.

Motion by Priest, **Seconded** by Murchison to accept the Police Department Report as presented.

Vote: **Ayes-** All **Nays-** None **Motion Carried**

3. Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Becky Freeman submitted a Revenue/Expenditure Report on activities through the end of March 2016.

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Chandler to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented.

Vote: **Ayes-** All **Nays-** None **Motion Carried**

F. City Manager Report

The City Manager/Clerk Lora Kalkofen discussed the following items with Council:

- **City of White Cloud Rotary Park** – The White Cloud Rotary Club has agreed with the request to rename the park “City of White Cloud Rotary Park”. They also directed Kalkofen to contact Mellema Nursery to approve Option 1 of the quote for the purchase of twelve trees.
- **Airport Terminal** – The terminal project is on schedule still to be completed by April 16th weather permitting. The May 7, 2016 Terminal Dedication and the Father’s Day Fly-In events are still in the planning stages.
- **Budget FY 2016/17** – The Water Committee met to discuss the FY 2016/17 Water Fund Budget. Their recommendations will be presented at the April 18, 2016 meeting.
- **Industrial Park** – The water expansion permit is in the approval stage and Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Services, Inc. has been in contact with us asking for contractor information. CSX Railroad is still reviewing our request and we are waiting for the results from their review.
- **NCEDO** – Kalkofen attended the NCEDO Right Place meeting on March 22nd, the agenda was “Pursuit of Investment Campaign”. Mark Guznick, our Business Development Coordinator, submitted a quarterly report detailing his activities for his first quarter. This report is very detailed and informative and Kalkofen has a copy available for review if interested.

- **Equipment Collaboration Meeting** – Kalkofen attended the Equipment Collaboration meeting on March 31st. These meetings are set up to discuss shared equipment and community updates.
- **Swim Program** – The City has confirmed a swim instructor for this year. Kalkofen contacted PCA and coordinated with their schedule and the City may be able to utilize their lifeguard for our program if we hold lessons for 10 A.M to Noon.
- **Streetlights** – Kalkofen is still waiting for information regarding the cost of conversion and operation of our streetlights. The request has been submitted to the next level of supervision.

Motion by Chandler, **Seconded** by Murchison to approve the Manager’s Report as presented.

Vote: **Ayes-** All **Nays-** None **Motion Carried**

G. Unfinished Business

1. City Projects

- a. City Owned Property, Solid Waste Recycling and Road Repairs – No action

2. Project Funding

- a. City Income Tax, Millage Proposal, Special Assessment - No action.

H. New Business

1. **Appointment to Planning Commission**

Jerry LeBlanc submitted an application for the Planning Commission

Motion by Stewart, **Seconded** by Chandler to appoint Jerry LeBlanc to the Planning Commission.

Vote: **Ayes-** All **Nays-** None **Motion Carried**

2. **Vacant Council Position**

a. Candidate Introductions/Interviews in Order of Submission

- i. **Jacque Robinson** – Council member Becker asked Jacque if there was a particular issue that motivated him to want to be on the City Council. Jacque stated that the infrastructure of the City in general such as roads and street lights, also needing more businesses in White Cloud. Becker asked Jacque what he would bring to the City Council that others may not. Jacque stated that he was content with the direction that Council was heading. Mayor Barnhard asked Jacque if he had any ideas on funding. Jacque stated that he was more than willing to do the research and seek out other resources. Council member Stewart asked how Jacque would get the word out to the public about the City Council meetings and get more people involved. Jacque suggested informational flyers be given to city residents.
- ii. **Dan Abid** – Council member Becker asked Dan if there was a particular issue that motivated him to want to be on the City Council. Dan said that he does not have a particular issue, but he just wanted to do his part to serve his community. Becker asked if there were any other reasons he would like to be on Council. Dan stated that he just wanted to be a positive influence in the community. Becker asked Dan what he would bring to the City Council that others might not. Dan stated that he is one of the largest supporters, business wise, in the community. With the fact that he owns a restaurant in the city he sees a bulk of the community and that makes him easily accessible to the city residents. Stewart asked Dan how he would get people to come to the City Council meetings. Dan said that he would put a flyer in his window at the restaurant. Mayor Barnhard asked Dan what his ideas were for funding. Dan stated with all of the cost-cutting that city has had to do there isn’t much more room where cost can be cut. He suggested that bringing more people into the city either as residents or businesses.

iii. Richard Dault - Council member Becker asked Richard if there was a particular issue that motivated him to want to be on the City Council. Richard stated that having the experience of being on the City Council he feels that he has talents that can be used to help the City Council continue to move forward. Becker asked Richard if there were any other reasons that he would like to be on Council. Richard stated that these are hard economic times and that his expertise in the fiscal area would help the Council. Becker asked Richard what he would bring to Council that others might not. Richard stated that his financial background would make him an asset. Stewart asked how Richard would get the communication out to the community about the council meetings. Richard stated that this is a tough area because people have become disillusioned with politics. Mayor Barnhard asked Richard what his ideas were for funding. Richard stated that he would like to see an income tax in the city.

The Council members were given a ballot with all three of the candidates names on them.

The results were as follows: 0 votes for Jacque Robinson, 2 Dan Abid, 4 Richard Dault.

b. Appointment to White Cloud City Council

Motion by Priest, **Seconded** by Chandler to appoint Richard Dault to the City Council term ending December 31, 2017.

Vote: **Ayes-** 5 **Nays-** 1 (Becker) **Motion Carried**

I. Public Comment: - Received

J. Closed Session

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Stewart to enter into Closed Session at 8:21 P.M. pursuant to Section 8 (d) of the Open Meetings Act, being MCL 15.268 to consider the sale of real property.

Roll Call Vote: **Ayes:** Chandler, Becker, Priest, Murchison, Stewart, and Barnhard
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstained None

Motion Carried

Closed Session

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Stewart to return to the Open Session of the Regular Meeting of April 4, 2016 at 9:17 P.M.

Roll Call Vote: **Ayes:** Chandler, Becker, Priest, Murchison, Stewart, and Barnhard
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstained None

Motion Carried

Motion by Chandler, **Seconded** by Priest to approve real estate purchase agreement for sale of property and authorize the City Manager and Mayor to sign all necessary documents.

Roll Call Vote: **Ayes:** Chandler, Becker, Priest, Murchison, Stewart, and Barnhard
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstained None

Motion Carried

K. Council Member Comments – Received

L. Committee, Board and Authority Minutes

1. White Cloud Lions Meeting Minutes

M. Correspondence

N. Adjournment

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Murchison to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 P.M.

Vote:

Ayes- All

Nays- None

Motion Carried



Don Barnhard, Mayor



Hilary Davis Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Approved on April 18, 2016