

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes for  
April 18, 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 6:00 P.M.

**1. Roll Call**

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Donald Barnhard and Pro-Tem Charles Chandler

Councilmembers: Herm Becker, Richard Dault and Matt Priest

**Members Absent:** Jeffrey Murchison and Cassie Stewart

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

**Public in Attendance:** Carl & Ruth Sprout, Orrie & Pat Ebenstein, Chuck Trapp, Laura Priest, Candice Dault, Josh Frantz, and Bob Van

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** by Chandler, **Seconded** by Dault to approve the April 18, 2016 agenda as presented.

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

**3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**B. Public Comment:** - None

**C. Approval of Minutes**

**1. Approval of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2016**

Minutes of the City of White Cloud City Council meeting held on April 4, 2016 were presented to Council for consideration.

**Motion** by Dault, **Seconded** by Becker to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for the White Cloud City Council meeting held on April 4, 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 Becker, **Seconded** by Priest to approve the payment of invoices and payroll wages totaling \$48,040.98.

**Roll Call Vote:**                    **Ayes:** Chandler, Becker, Priest, and Barnhard

**Nays:**                                None

**Absent:**                              Stewart and Murchison

**Abstained**                        None

**Motion Carried**

**E. Department Reports** – None Presented

## **F. City Manager Report**

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

- **White Cloud Industrial Park** – The Real Estate Purchase Agreement with North Central Co-Op for three lots in the Industrial Park was signed on April 12, 2016. Kalkofen has received a written request from North Central Co-Op to designate Lots 7, 8 & 9 in the Industrial Park as an Industrial Development District. If approved, this will allow them to apply for an IFT property tax exemption for new construction and personal property. A Public Hearing is set for the regular Council meeting on May 2, 2016. Notice of this hearing will be published on April 20, 2016 and notice has been sent to North Central Co-Op.
- **City of White Cloud Rotary Park** – Mellema Nursery planted the 12 trees in the park on Thursday April 14, 2016. The grills will be installed at a later date.
- **Airport Terminal** – The terminal project is slightly behind schedule and should be completed no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>. The May 7, 2016 Terminal Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is on schedule. Charles Chandler has put a lot of hard work into this event. The Father's Day Fly-In event is still in the planning stage.
- **Budget FY 2016/17** – The first presentation of the FY 2016/17 Budget will be at the May 16, 2016 council meeting and after consideration it will be presented for adoption at the June 6, 2016 Council meeting.

The Personnel Committee met to discuss COLA and proposed Purchase Order Policy. Their recommendations will be presented to Council for budget consideration on May 2, 2016.

- **Industrial Park** – The CSX water expansion permit is still in process.
- **NCEDO** – Mark Guznicak from NCEDO and Kalkofen visited a few of the larger businesses in the City on April 7<sup>th</sup> to introduce ourselves. They received a very positive response from both owners and managers on our efforts to communicate with these companies.
- **Cemetery** – Sheriff Pat Headlund contacted the City to offer the use of inmates for the City's cemetery clean-up this year. Both Newaygo and Grant have used this program in the past with success. Kalkofen has scheduled the crew for this week and the only cost to the City is \$40.00 per hour for the guards' wages. Currently the City budgets \$2,000 annually for the clean-up and this will help with freeing up DPW hours.
- **Streetlights** – The City received the information regarding the cost of conversion and operation of our streetlights and it is still extremely expensive. Kalkofen is moving to the next level of supervision to get additional answers.
- **Additional information** – Kalkofen recently received a newsletter from a couple of residents that was sent out from Senator Bumstead regarding DEQ setting priority for leaking underground storage tanks. In one of the sections of this newsletter stated White Cloud Municipal Wells was on the list. The City has had no conditions with our wells or water testing. Kalkofen spoke with a representative from Senator Bumstead's office. The site that the newsletter was referring to is the site that the Dollar General is currently sitting on and the well is no longer there. The newsletter used outdated information.  
P.A.L.M bicycle tours will be coming through the community on June 20<sup>th</sup> through June 21<sup>st</sup>. During this time there will be an influx of people into the community. This is the first time they are come to this area.  
The DPW Supervisor Gary Zatalokin will be off starting April 29<sup>th</sup> and lasting for 4-6 weeks due to medical.

**Motion** by Priest, **Seconded** by Becker 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. Quotes for Rehabilitation of Wells 1 & 2**

The Council was presented with quotes from Raymer for the rehabilitation of Wells 1 & 2. Well 1 needs to be cleaned and DEQ wants Well 2 cleaned. It is unsure if both wells are going to be done. After some discussion Council asked if they could be presented with a couple of quotes from other service providers. Kalkofen agreed to get a few more quotes and will bring this back to Council.

**2. White Cloud Sherman Utilities Authority FY 2016/17 Budget**

Council was presented with the White Cloud Sherman Utilities Authority FY 2016/17 Budget. **Motion** by Becker, **Seconded** by Priest to receive the White Cloud Sherman Utilities Authority FY 2016/17 Budget as presented.

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

**3. Appointment to Budget Committee**

Kalkofen asked Council for a volunteer to fill the vacancy on the Budget Committee. Council member Dault volunteered.

**Motion** by Becker, **Seconded** by Priest to appoint Council member Dault to the Budget Committee.

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

**4. Water Committee Recommendations**

Council was presented with the minutes from the last Water Committee meeting. The committee discussed a water rate increase of twenty cent increase for water usage and debt to service. A resolution stating this will be presented to Council for consideration and approval at the next Council meeting.

**I. Public Comment:** - Received

**J. Council Member Comments** – Received

**K. Committee, Board and Authority Minutes**

1. Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes


**L. Correspondence**

1. Michigan Municipal League
2. Newaygo County Promise Zone


**M. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Chandler, **Seconded** by Priest to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

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



**Don Barnhard, Mayor**



**Hilary Davis Deputy Clerk/Treasurer**  
**Approved on May 2, 2016**