

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes for
June 20, 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 6:02 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Donald Barnhard

Councilmembers: Herm Becker, Richard Dault, Jeffrey Murchison, and Matt Priest

Members Absent: Charles Chandler and Cassie Stewart

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

Public in Attendance: Orrie Ebenstein, Laura Priest, Candice Dault, and Carl Sprout

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Dault to approve the June 20, 2016 agenda with the addition of H. New Business 1. Chamber/Bike Event with the rest of New Business going in sequential order following the addition.

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: - None

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2016

Minutes of the City of White Cloud City Council meeting held on June 6, 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 June 6, 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 Dault to approve the payment of invoices and payroll wages totaling \$37,048.34.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:	Becker, Dault, Murchison, Priest, and Barnhard
Nays:	None
Absent:	Chandler and Stewart
Abstained	None

Motion Carried

E. Department Reports – None

F. City Manager Report

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

- **Assessor’s Contract** – The last contract the City has with Michael Beach was signed in 2006 and it is very out dated. The current contract allows for \$515.83 monthly. Kalkofen negotiated a new contract with Assessor Beach for \$625.00 monthly or \$7,500 annually. Assessor Beach. Assessor Beach has done an excellent job for the City and has taken on additional responsibilities without any additional compensation. Michael has a level of assessing that exceeds the City’s requirements and has proven to be an exceptional asset for the City.
- **Streetlights** – Kalkofen is continuing to work with Consumers Energy to turn on the streetlights. She is anticipating a contract will be presented for the LEDconversion as discussed with Council at the June 13th Special Meeting. This is exciting news for our community, but due to the complicated nature Kalkofen wants Council or anyone who has any questions to contact her.
- **North Central Co-Op** – The sale of the three lots in the Industrial Park to North Central Co-Op is set to close on June 23, 2016 at 3:00 PM at Lighthouse Title in Fremont. The property will be cleared and a foundation will go in this year and construction will begin in 2017.
- **“Pothole Ice Cream”** – On June 16, 2016 Dan Abid, the owner of Sallys Whatta Pizza, presented a check from the proceeds of the sale of the “Pothole Ice Cream” to the City of White Cloud. These proceeds are to be put towards local streets. The Times Indicator is writing an article which will include a picture of Dan Abid and Mayor Barnhard.
- **Swim Program** – 21 kids showed up for the swim class that started on June 20th.

Motion by Murchison, **Seconded** by Priest 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. Chamber/Bike Event

P.A.L.M (Pedal Across Lower Michigan) arrived in White Cloud early on June 20th. It was brought to the City’s attention that the bikers and support staff were being shuttled in and out of the City to Newaygo by Wisner. The P.A.L.M staff had met with the River Country Chamber director and asked for information of restaurants in the area. The director gave them information of the restaurants in City. The Wisner bus drivers were given direction to shuttle to Newaygo only. Mayor Barnhard and City Manager Kalkofen are going to look into this matter in more detail. Council felt that this was a missed opportunity of the City’s restaurant owners.

2. Assessor’s Contract

The City’s Assessor, Michael Beach, has been a great asset to the City of White Cloud. Currently he holds a level IV Assessor License. He has gone above and beyond his current contract agreement helping the City with numerous projects. The current contract that we have with Assessor Beach is from June 1, 2006 and the compensation stated in this contract is \$515.83 monthly which was based on \$10.00 per the number of real property in the City. City Manager Kalkofen presented a proposed contract including real and personal property at a rate of \$11.54 per property card. This would bring the Assessor’s compensation to \$625 monthly.

Motion by Becker, Seconded by Dault to approve the proposed Assessor’s Contract as presented.

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

Motion Carried

3. Skate Park Ramp

Council was presented with a quote for the repairs of the ramp at the skate park that was set on fire. The quote was from Up North Fab & 4WD for \$6,750.40. Mayor Barnhard and City Manager Kalkofen recommended that the City not do the repair at this time. There is a \$1000 deductible on the City’s insurance policy. Over the last few years the City has made a few larger claims and there is a possibility by having another substantial claim that the insurance premiums will increase. Council agreed to wait on the repairs until a confirmation of restitution or another quote is presented.

4. Special Event Application – Tail Twisters

Council was presented with a special event application submitted by Tail Twisters for a model airplane show held at the White Cloud Airport.

Motion by Dault, Seconded by Priest to approve the Tail Twisters Special Event Application and waive the fee.

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

5. National Park Service Banner Request

The National Park Service is celebrating their centennial later this summer and asked the City for permission to hang a banner across M-37. Unfortunately, with the City’s topography it is not compatible with hanging banners in the City on M-37. There is nothing to anchor the banners so that they do not hang low. Kalkofen is going to suggest to them to put a smaller banner next to the electronic sign.

6. River Country Chamber Waiver Request

The River Country Chamber and Rotary Club want to hold their meeting at the City of White Cloud Rotary Park. They are requesting permission to serve beer and wine at this meeting. The City’s policy is that there is no alcohol at the park. Kalkofen spoke with the City Manager of Grant who has had this meeting held before to get an idea of what the City of White Cloud should do. Kalkofen asked the Chamber to present us with a Hold Harmless Agreement and a copy of the liquor license/permit and insurance for the beer and wine provider.

Motion by Dault, Seconded by Priest to waive the City’s no alcohol in the park policy with all the stipulations mentioned above being met.

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

I. Public Comment: - Received

J. Council Member Comments – Received

K. Committee, Board and Authority Minutes

1. Parks & Recreation Minutes

L. Correspondence

1. Business Energy Assessment

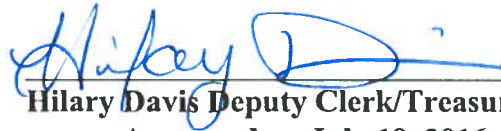
M. Adjournment

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Dault to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

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



Don Barnhard, Mayor



Hilary Davis Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Approved on July 19, 2016