

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes for
November 7, 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Charles Chandler
Councilmembers: Herm Becker, Richard Dault, Matt Priest, Cassie Stewart and Jeffrey Murchison

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager/Clerk Lora Kalkofen, Sergeant Dan Evans and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Hilary Davis

Public in Attendance: Orrie & Pat Ebenstein, Laura Priest, Candice Dault, Ashley Zatalokin, and Matt Rickert

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Dault to approve the November 7, 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

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2016

Minutes of the City of White Cloud City Council meeting held on October 17, 2016 were presented to Council for consideration.

Motion by Chandler **Seconded** by Dault to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for the White Cloud City Council meeting held on October 17, 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 Priest to approve the payment of invoices and payroll wages totaling \$61,028.40.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained None

Motion Carried

E. Department Reports

1. Police Department Report

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

Motion by Chandler, **Seconded** by Stewart to accept the Police Department Report as presented.

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

2. Treasurer's Report

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

Motion by Murchison, **Seconded** by Dault 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:

- **White Cloud Dam** – Leon May, our City Engineer, spoke with Rich O'Neil from the DEQ Fisheries Division to get his opinion on the City submitting an application for grant funds for dam repair projects. Mr. O'Neil advised the City that he would not support the City's effort in submitting an application for grant funding. Due to the conflicting options from DEQ staff, and the deadline application, Kalkofen did not submit an application for the grant for the dam repair.
Abby Watkins, NC Emergency Services Director, and Kalkofen have been working on the White River Emergency Evacuation Plan for Dam Failure and Flooding. Part 1 and 2 of the plan are almost completed, but the engineering portion showing the long-range potential hazard will take a lot more time and funding to complete. The City will continue to work with Abby on this project and hopefully find some grant funding to complete the plan.
- **Airport** – The final inspection of the airport fuel farm was completed and the facility is compliant and certified for the next five years.
The RFP for an airport engineer is advertised on both the MDOT website and the City website and have received some interest. The Airport Committee will be meeting at the end of the month to review the proposals.
- **Well #2 Pump Repair** – The repairs to Well #2 have been completed and the City is waiting for the water testing samples before putting it back on line.
Well #1 is still on schedule for additional pump work.
- **Water Billing** – The third quarter water billing was delayed by three weeks due to the meter reader malfunctioning.
- **City Hall** – The new doors for the City Office were installed, but there were some difficulties during the installation. An additional door and frame are on order to correct the problem. The original bidder for staining the City Officer, Crawford Construction, has scheduling issues and asked to be released from the bid. Kalkofen contacted the second bidder, Wainwrights Painting, and he has agreed to honor his original bid of \$4,370 to complete the project in the spring.
- **City Logo** – Jim Badgero from Graphicus is working on a new design for the city logo. Kalkofen will bring the proofs to Council for discussion.
- **Streetlights** – The 41 decorative streetlights on M-37 and Wilcox have been retrofitted to LED.
- **Consumers Energy** – Kalkofen spoke with Rich Houtteman, from Consumers Energy, and he is our new contact. After much discussion Consumers Energy feels they have met their

requirements fulfilling the refund. Kalkofen does not think this is the case, however, to try to collect anything else the City would need to hire a lawyer and the amount that the City feels is still owed would not be enough to pay for this action. The City is not going to pursue this any farther.

- **Personnel Committee** – Kalkofen wants to set up a Personnel Committee in a couple of weeks.

Motion by Becker, **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. Special Event Application

Council was presented with a Special Events Application for Christmas in White Cloud.

Motion by Chandler, **Seconded** by Priest to approve the Special Event Application for Christmas in White Cloud and waive the fee.

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

I. Public Comment: - None

J. Council Member Comments – Received

K. Committee, Board and Authority Minutes

1. Downtown Development Authority Minutes
2. Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes
3. Planning Commission Minutes

L. Correspondence

1. Governor Signs Medical Marijuana Legislation
2. Near North Now Article – Voter Fraud

M. Adjournment

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Priest to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

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



Don Barnhard, Mayor



Hilary Davis Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Approved on November 21, 2016