

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes for
March 20, 2017**

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

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

Members Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Charles Chandler

Staff Present: City Manager/Clerk Lora Kalkofen, Police Chief Dan Evans, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Hilary Davis, DPW Eric Hoenshell

Public in Attendance: Carl and Ruth Sprout, Kay Scott, Chuck Trapp, Laura Priest and Candice Dault

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Murchison, **Seconded** by Dault to approve the March 20, 2017 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 March 6, 2017

Minutes of the City of White Cloud City Council meeting held on March 6, 2017 were presented to Council for consideration.

Motion by Becker **Seconded** by Priest to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for the White Cloud City Council meeting held on March 6, 2017 as presented.

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

D. Authorization to Pay Bills & Payroll Wages

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

Motion by Murchison, **Seconded** by Becker to approve the payment of invoices and payroll wages totaling \$50,688.77.

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

Motion Carried

E. Department Reports

1. Treasurer’s Report

The Council was presented with the Fremont Area Community Foundation Fund Statement for their information.

F. City Manager Report

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

- **Trail Town Celebration** – The Trail Town Committees met on Thursday, March 16 to continue planning the event. Immediately following the Trail Town meeting, the group met with Andrea Ketchmark, Director of Trail Development for the North Country Trail and Harry Burkholder, Executive Director of LIAA. This group discussed the findings and strategies pointed out during the meeting held last year. Mr. Burkholder distributed action plans for promotion, design, organization, and economic restructuring that will be needed for implementing the Trail Town Master Plan.
The creation of a “White Cloud Trail Town Committee” will be needed to work with the Chamber in the planning of our future Trail Town Celebrations and to create and maintain a Trail Town Master Plan.
- **MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities** – Mark Guzniczak from NCEDO Right Place, and Kalkofen met to start preparing for the City to become a MEDC Certified Redevelopment Community. This certification will take about a year or more to complete, but will allow the City to submit applications for development grants and loans.
- **Board of Review 2017** – Newaygo County Equalization had an error of an incorrect inflation rate multiplier of 1.003 which was for 2016 that was printed on the 2017 Assessment Change Notices. The calculations were correct using the 2017 multiplier of 1.009, but the notices needed to be reprinted and resent to show the correct 2017 inflation rate multiplier. Due to this error, the Board of Review dates had to be changed to March 21st and March 24th 2017.
- **Library Millage Request** – Library is requesting a millage on the August 8, 2017 election ballot. Kalkofen presented Council with the information about the millage request from the library.
- **Police Chief Class** – Chief Evans will be going on a week-long class starting April 3rd, 2017, Michigan Association Chief of Police New Chief and Executives School.

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Murchison to accept 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.

3. Department of Public Works Policy and Procedures Manual

Council was presented with the new Department of Public Works Policy and Procedures Manual at the March 6, 2017 for review.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Priest to approve the Department of Public Works Policy and Procedures Manual as presented.

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

H. New Business - None

I. Public Comment: - Received

J. Council Member Comments – Received

K. Committee, Board and Authority Minutes

1. Downtown Development Authority

L. Correspondence

1. River View

2. River Country Chamber of Commerce

M. Adjournment

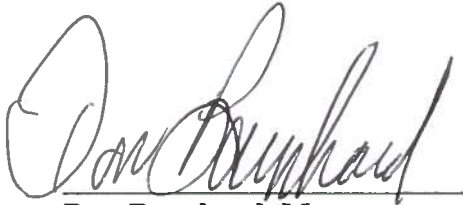
Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Priest to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 P.M.

Vote:

Ayes- All

Nays- None

Motion Carried



Don Barnhard, Mayor



Hilary Davis Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Approved on April 3, 2017