

City of White Cloud

12 N. Charles Street
White Cloud, Michigan 49349

Regular Meeting Minutes for
December 18, 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 Charles Chandler called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Charles Chandler, Herm Becker, Richard Dault, Kay Scott and Jeffrey Murchison, Cassie Rickert

Members Absent: Matt Priest

Staff Present: City Manager/Clerk Lora Kalkofen, Police Chief Dan Evans, Deputy Clerk Kelli Arnold

Public in Attendance: Pat Ebenstein, Holly Moon, Candice Dault, Jerry LeBlanc, Carl Sprout, Ashley Zatalokin, Jim Maike Jr, Tracy Kehr, Cathleen Graham, Jamie Denslow

2. Approval of Amended Agenda

An addition to New Business, item #7, Bid Submission on two trucks - City of Newaygo

Motion by Murchison, **Seconded** by Dault to approve the December 18, 2017 Agenda with the addition.

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

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

B. Public Comment:

Holly Moon, Newaygo County Treasurer, annual visit to updated on County delinquency rates (currently 8.6% average) and Foreclosures in County at lowest ever (71). Spoke about the Step-Forward program and Digital Works program currently at The Stream in Newaygo. State of Michigan chose Newaygo County for the PRE (Principal Resident Exemption) Audit this year. Customers could receive denials letter, if they receive, will have to prove they are eligible for the exemption. City & County staff cannot help with this form.

Jim Maike addressed Council regarding Zoning issue of their building at 253 S. Charles. After a lengthy discussion, a motion presented by Mr. Maike was for Council to consider.

Motion by Rickert, Seconded by Becker to instruct our Zoning Administrator to allow the use of the building at 253 S. Charles to continue its use as a auto repair/car sales as it has been used for the last 50 years per our zoning ordinance section 4.01 effective immediately.

Manager Kalkofen read the planning and zoning process, advised against acting on the motion, and requested permission to consult the attorney.

Mr. Maike asked Council to table the motion and get an attorney's opinion. Councilmember Rickert asked to continue the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes- Becker, Rickert & Scott

Nays- Chandler, Dault & Murchison

Absent – Priest

Abstained: None

Motion Failed

Manager Kalkofen asked for permission to refer this issue to City attorney for an opinion regarding the motion, clarify our procedure and ask if Council has the authority to enact the presented motion.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Scott to have the City Manager contact Attorney Cliff Broom to review the motion on the table to allow the business to move into 253 S. Charles.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes- Chandler, Becker, Dault, Scott, Murchison, Rickert

Nays- None

Absent – Priest

Abstained: None

C. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes from the December 4, 2017 City Council Mtg.
2. Approval of the minutes from the December 7, 2017 Special City Council Mtg.
3. Zoning Year End Report
4. Approval of Bills and Wages
5. Correspondence / Committee & Board Minutes

Councilmember Becker asked to remove the Bills and Wages from the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Murchison, **Seconded** by Dault to approve the Consent Agenda for the December 18, 2017 Council Meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes- Chandler, Becker, Dault, Scott, Murchison, Rickert

Nays- None

Absent – Priest

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

A voided check was removed from the total of Bills and Wages

Motion by Murchison, **Seconded** by Dault to approve the Bills and Wages as corrected.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes- Chandler, Becker, Dault, Scott, Murchison, Rickert

Nays- None

Absent – Priest

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

D. Unfinished Business

1. City Projects
 - a. City Owned Property, Solid Waste Recycling and Road Repairs – **No Action**
2. Project Funding
 - b. City Income Tax, Millage Proposal, and Special Assessment – **No Action**

E. New Business

1) Resolution 2017-23 Appreciation for Councilman Service

Approval of Resolution 2017-23, Appreciation for Herm Becker years of Service to WC City Council

Motion by Murchison, **Seconded** by Rickert to approve Resolution 2017-23

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

2) Resolution 2017-24 Appreciation for Councilman Service

Approval of Resolution 2017-24, Appreciation for Richard Dault years of Service to WC City Council

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Rickert to approve Resolution 2017-23

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

3) Resolution 2017-25 Setting dates/times for 2018 Council Meetings

Approval of Resolution 2017-25, Approval of Resolution 2017-25 Setting 2018 City Council Meeting Dates

Motion by Murchison, **Seconded** by Becker to approve Resolution 2017-23

Vote: Ayes- Chandler, Becker, Dault, Murchison, Scott Nays- Rickert Abs - Priest
Motion Carried

4) City Manager Report

- **DPW Building Fire Update**
- **Medical Marijuana Board Appointments**
 - One Council Member – Charles Chandler
 - On Medical Professional – Message to Dr. Schondelmayer
 - Three City Residents – Mayor Appoints, Council Approves
- **Audit for FY 2016/17**
 - Presentation will be at the next Council meeting. A draft is available.
- **White Cloud Industrial Park**
 - The Title Insurance policy and Warranty Deed for the property we have sold in the Industrial Park has posed to be a challenge. Our local Title Insurance Companies will not right a policy for any business that is associated with Medical Marijuana.
- **City Office Building**
 - The City Server lost the main drive when bringing the system up on Saturday after the power outage. All of the programs located on the server are unavailable to staff. Ryan Maike and I have been working all weekend to trying to mitigate the damage and a new driver has been ordered and will be here on Tuesday so we are hoping to be back up on Wednesday.
 - The new phone IP phone system is installed and repairs have been made to our networking system. The office now has caller ID.
 - We are requesting quotes for both carpeting and painting of the City Office.
- **Rental Unit Inspection Ordinance – Senate Bill 107**
- **Parliamentarian Training Session**
 - Attachment in Packet
- **Skilled Training Fund Announcement**
 - Attachment in Packet
- **Education Training Request – City Manager**
 - MME Winter Institute January 30 – February 2, 2018

Council approved the City Manager attendance at the MME Winter Institute Conference.

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

- **Woodridge Apartment - New Owner Update**
- **Completed Projects Listing**
- **Committee to Review C-1 Commercial District**
 - Two Council – Rickert, Scott & Denslow
 - Planning –
 - DDA – Dan Abid, Ryan Maike, Judy Maike
 - Business Owners – Judy Maike, open
 - Bob Hall and Ryan Coffey
- **Best Law Firm Award – Bloom Sluggett**
- **Fremont Area Community Foundation -**
- **Consumers Audit**
 - Staff performed an in-house audit of the last three years of billing and usage.

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Dault to approve City Managers report.

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

5) Medical Marijuana Board

Medical Marijuana Board is in progress of forming & selecting members

6) DPW Rebuild Project Manager and Spending Limit Increase for City Manager

Project Manager – City Manager, Contracts, Spending Limits and Purchases Regarding DPW Fire

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Murchison to approve City Manager find Project Manager to assist in DPW building rebuild.

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

Motion by Murchison, **Seconded** by Rickert to approve City Manager spending limit increase to \$35,000.00 for items pertaining to DPW; informing Council Members via phone/e-mail to notify of spending.

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

7) Bid Submission - Two DPW Truck - City of Newaygo

City Manager asked permission to bid on two (2) trucks from City of Newaygo, 2015 Ford 1 Ton Plow Truck and 2015 Ford 1 Ton Pick-up Truck

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Murchison to approve City Manager to bid on two trucks from City of Newaygo.

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

F. Public Comment: - Received

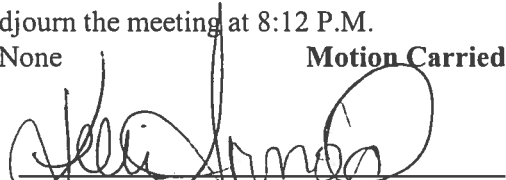
G. Council Member Comments – Received

H. Adjournment

Motion by Chandler, **Seconded** by Becker to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 P.M.

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


Charles Chandler, Mayor


Kelli Arnold, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Approved on 1/9/18