



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

## **CITY COUNCIL**

### **Regular Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.**

#### **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 Office. Mayor Denslow called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

##### **1. Roll Call**

**Council Members Present:** Jamie Denslow, Cassie Rickert, Ashley Zatalokin, Jeff Murchison, Kay Scott, Jerry LeBlanc

**Members Absent:** Charles Chandler

**Staff Present:** Police Chief - Dan Evans, Clerk - Kelli Arnold, Treasurer – April Storms

**Public in Attendance:** Charles Twing, Dennis Hult, Cheryl Hult, Rich Dault, Candice Dault, Ben Ross, Dakota Ross, Matt Biolette, Lori Shears, Marva Shears, Joanne Chandler, Becci Kolenda, Vicki Friar, Julie Burgess, Lilliayn Burgess, Dan Abid

##### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Denslow requested addition of

- Reserved Time for school student upon arrival

**Motion** by LeBlanc, **Seconded** by Rickert to approve the Agenda with addition of Reserved Time for student upon arrival.

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

##### **3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Jeff Murchison gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **B. Public Comment**

Chief Evans – Patrol car has been in three (3) accidents, down to one Police Cruiser next week when that patrol car goes into body shop. Michigan Police Chief Listserv conversations regarding Hope Network housing, request Council do an analysis/proactive research on other Hope Network housing communities.

C. Hult – Happy with current trash service, should not be told who to use. Recreational marijuana will drive away good taxpayers.

C. Dault – Not in favor of city-wide trash service, commend Council for spring & fall clean-up, disappointed in sale of riverfront property for a development not contributing to City tax.

J. Chandler – Upset about the idea of City going to one company for trash service.

**C. Reserved Time:**

1. Charlotte Karnes – 6<sup>th</sup> grade White Cloud Junior High Student of Sherry Claflin. Class is doing an eco-challenge for our community on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> between 1:00-3:00, they will be doing a White River Clean-Up beginning at the Mill Pond. Last year they participated in an eco-challenge, school won \$10,000.00 and students received \$1,000. 22 million pounds of plastic enter the great lakes each year, they would like to help prevent this. Kayak and Canoe volunteers are needed to help in this challenge.

Ben from Sam’s Disposal spoke and would like to donate a dumpster for the clean-up at no cost.

**D. Accounts Payable/Cleaning**

1. Motion for Council member Scott to abstain from approval of payment for cleaning.

**Motion** by LeBlanc, **Seconded** by Murchison to allow Council member Scott to abstain approval of payment for cleaning City office building.

**Vote:** Ayes- All Nays- None Absent- Chandler **Abstain - Scott Motion Carried**

2. Motion to approve invoices for office cleaning totaling \$60.00.

**Motion** by LeBlanc, **Seconded** by Murchison to approve the office cleaning invoices to Council member Scott totaling \$60.00.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes- LeBlanc, Murchison, Denslow, Rickert, Zatalokin

Nays- None **Abstained- Scott Absent – Chandler Motion Carried**

**E. Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the minutes from the September 3, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting
2. Police Department Report
3. DPW Report
4. Treasurer Report
5. Approval of Bills and Wages less office cleaning: \$107,955.56
6. Correspondence

**Motion** by LeBlanc, **Seconded** by Zatalokin to approve Consent Agenda for the October 1, 2019 Council Meeting.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes- Murchison, Zatalokin, Rickert, Denslow, Scott, LeBlanc

Nays- None **Absent - Chandler Abstained: None Motion Carried**

**F. City Manager Report**

- City Manager was absent. Manager Report was given to Council highlighting:
- MDOT Street Grant: Catch basin on James Street has been installed & City Engineer has performed inspection.
- Fall Community Clean-Up Day was utilized by twenty-six (26) residents, forty-one (41) trips and four (4) full dumpsters.
- Hope Network: City has entered into an “Option Agreement” for the sale of undeveloped property located on E. Pine Hill Ave/M-20.
- Marijuana: Two (2) draft ordinances to amend City Code of Ordinances and City Zoning Ordinance along with an opinion letter from Attorney outlining the process for adoption of the proposed ordinances included in the packet.

- AT&T Site Lease Agreement: Amendment #5: following two (2) years of negotiations, received approval and documents to our lease for space at our water tower.
- Water Extension Project on Airway Drive: planning has begun for water expansion project at Airway Drive connecting the water line to Washington Court in the Industrial Park.
- Airport Beacon Lighting: will be adjusted full 10 degrees to negate the lighting issues for some of our residents, along with temporary shielding to be installed.
- Center for Non-Profit Grant: Housing projects serving seven (7) homes in the City is underway.

**G. Boards & Authorities**

1. White Cloud Sherman Utilities Board  
Received
2. Planning Commission  
No September meeting.
3. Downtown Development Authority (DDA)  
No September meeting.
4. White Cloud Area Fire Board  
No representative available to comment
5. Parks & Recreation Committee  
Received

**H. Unfinished Business**

**1. Appointment to Planning Commission**

Crystal Denslow has resigned from Planning Commission effective this evening, 10/2/19.

**Motion** by LeBlanc, **Seconded** by Murchison to accept resignation by Crystal Denslow from the Planning Commission.

**Vote: Ayes- All Nays- None Absent- Chandler Abstain - None Motion Carried**

This will open another seat on Planning Commission, making it two (2) open positions.

Planning Commission are three (3) year terms. Applications received for the Planning Commission were:

Becci Kolenda

Marva Shears

Charles Twing

Mayor Denslow would like to appoint Becci Kolenda to serve a term ending 12/31/2020 and Charles Twing to serve a term ending 12/31/2021.

**Motion** by LeBlanc, **Seconded** by Zatalokin to approve Mayor Denslow' appointment of Becci Kolenda with a term ending 12/31/20 and Charles Twing with a term ending 12/31/21 to Planning Commission.

**Vote: Ayes- All Nays- None Absent- Chandler Abstain - None Motion Carried**

**2. Downtown Development Authority (DDA)**

DDA is a four (4) year term, the open seat expires 12/31/2020. Applications received for the DDA were:

Chuck Trapp

Dale Twing

Mayor Denslow would like to appoint Dale Twing to serve a term ending 12/31/2020.

**Motion** by LeBlanc, **Seconded** by Murchison to approve Mayor Denslow' appointment of Dale Twing to Downtown Development Authority.

**Vote: Ayes-** LeBlanc, Murchison, Scott, Denslow  
**Absent-** Chandler    **Abstain -** None

**Nays-** Zatalokin, Rickert  
**Motion Carried**

**I. New Business**

**1. Industrial Park**

Council had given City Manager authorization to sell property; Per City Charter, Council vote needed for final approval. Lot #2 located in Industrial Park sold to SRJ Holdings, LLC on 9/25/19.

**Motion** by LeBlanc, **Seconded** by Murchison to give final approval of City property sale, lot #2, located in Industrial Park.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes-** Rickert, Scott, LeBlanc, Murchison, Denslow

**Nays-** Zatalokin    **Absent –** Chandler    **Abstained:** None

**Motion Carried**

**2. City Wide Trash Service**

City Manager has requested Council to discuss the bids we have received and give her direction in November to move forward or end the process of City-Wide Trash Service. If Council has questions, please send to office staff to allow time for answers by November meeting.

**Discussion Received**

**3. Newaygo County Sheriff's Office letter**

Letter from Sheriff Mendham requesting assistance from local partners in funding a \$13,596.00 budget shortfall for a deputy position that was partially funded by state and federal grants along with property forfeiture. State law has changed regarding forfeiture and the amount of money taken in by Central Michigan Enforcement Team (CMET) has been greatly reduced.

City Manager suggestion is \$1,000.00 from budget to assist Newaygo County Sheriff's office in funding deputy assigned to CMET.

**Motion** by LeBlanc, **Seconded** by Rickert to commit \$1,000.00 from City budget to assist Newaygo County Sheriff's Office in funding CMET deputy.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes-** Rickert, Scott, LeBlanc, Murchison, Zatalokin, Denslow

**Nays-** None    **Absent –** Chandler    **Abstained:** None

**Motion Carried**

**4. Police Garage Bids**

The City received bids for a new roof to be placed on the Police Garage. Bid forms requested pricing for shingles and metal, there were three (3) bids received. Council discussed the bids ranging from \$9,265.00 to \$39,250.00.

**Motion** by Zatalokin, **Seconded** by Rickert to deny all three bids and put it out for another bid process.

**Vote:**

**Ayes-** Zatalokin, Rickert

**Nays-** Scott, LeBlanc, Denslow, Murchison    **Absent –** Chandler    **Abstained:** None

**Motion Failed**

Discussion regarding the amounts and the material to be used.

**Motion** by LeBlanc to accept bid from Rasmussen Exteriors to shingle Police Garage for \$9,265.00. No Support **Motion Failed**

Council discussion regarding putting the bid package out for another bid process.

**Motion** by Zatalokin, **Seconded** by Rickert to deny all received bids and put it out for bid process again.

**Vote:**

**Ayes-** Zatalokin, Rickert, Scott, LeBlanc, Denslow, Murchison

**Nays-** None **Absent** – Chandler **Abstained:** None

**Motion Carried**

**J. Public Comment**

D. Hult: Likes having a choice in his trash removal service and what works best for them; Would like more information on Hope Network, not interested in Hope Network being on the river.

C. Hult: Would like to know which Council members voted for recreational marijuana.  
Would like to see a Neighborhood Watch put in White Cloud. Questioned why is something not being done with the Jack D. Jones school?

D. Myers: Would like to know how far road repair is going on east James Street. Questioned zoning for towing company on James Street.

J. Maike: Is Planning still working on Master Plan and would like to have it include being a walkable community.

J. Burgess of Boomerang: Boomerang would like to sell balloon bouquets to decorate the light posts for Homecoming Celebration on October 25, 2019. Balloon bouquets will be \$15.00.

L. Shears of Boomerang: Informed Council Boomerang is working with the library for events on Halloween.

B. Kolenda: Stated there is a national housing crisis, would like Council to check data from other places where Hope Network is operating and would like to go on tour of Hope Network housing facility with City Manager on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

A. Storms: Would like Council to consider the proposed trash bids cost savings of \$6-\$12 per customer per year for City staff to do the billing may not be cost effective. Please consider the additional time of City staff fielding questions and adding this to our utility billing.

J. Chandler: Request Council to consider letting the trash proposal go, let each citizen make their own decision regarding trash service.

B. Ross of Sam's Disposal: Does have a bid in for the trash service. Not in favor of city-wide trash service. Contracts drive away competition. There are many options.

**K. Council Member Comments:**

J. LeBlanc: None

K. Scott: Why was grant not applied for White Cloud Sherman Utility Authority once the City turned over assets? Would like course of action taken on junk in neighborhoods.

C. Rickert: Filled 4 dumpsters at Fall City-Wide Clean-Up.

J. Murchison: None

A. Zatalokin: None

J. Denslow: None

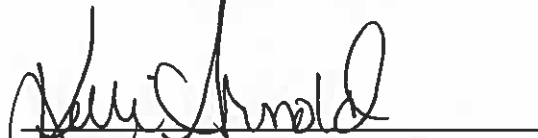
**L. Adjournment**

**Motion by LeBlanc, Seconded by Murchison to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 P.M.**

**Vote: Ayes- All**

**Nays- None**

**Motion Carried**

  
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**Jamie Denslow, Mayor**  
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**Kelli Arnold, Clerk**

Approved on 11-12-19