



**City of White Cloud
12 N. Charles Street
White Cloud, Michigan 49349 & via Zoom
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Minutes for December 7, 2021, 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. Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Council Members Present: Brian Miller, Kay Scott, Lori Shears, Candice Dault, Ashley Zatalokin, and Jeff Murchison

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager-Yvonne Ridge, Clerk-Kelli Arnold, Police Chief-Dan Evans, Treasurer-April Storms

Guest sign-in: Richard Dault, Herm Becker, Dennis & Cheryl Hult, Penny & Tracy Guarisco

Zoom: Multiple public

2. Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda for regular meeting of December 7, 2021, with addition to Unfinished business, item #2, North Street house.

Motion by Shears, **Supported** by Dault to approve the Agenda for December 7, 2021, with additional Unfinished business item #2, North Street house.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Shears, Scott, Murchison, Dault, Zatalokin, Miller

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

3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Murchison.

B. Reserved Time

Joe Verlin of Gabridge & Company presented Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Audit.

- ❖ In opinion of Auditors, the financial statements referred to present fairly in all respects
- ❖ City unrestricted net position is \$739,502
- ❖ City unassigned fund balance is \$285,670
- ❖ City total net position is \$5,807,422 of which 82.1% /(\$4,767,491) is capital assets (land, buildings, machinery, equipment, vehicles and infrastructure)
- ❖ Increase in net position \$47,135 from the prior fiscal year
- ❖ Long term debt will show MEDC loan forgiveness in of \$143,866 in fiscal year 22-23
- ❖ To fully fund pension obligation the cost is \$1,265, 260, City currently has \$851,906 assets set aside to cover. Treasury requires a minimum level of 60%, City is at 67.33%.

- ❖ Auditor recommend City consider that Fund Balance is no longer supported and a switch to BS&A

C. Public Comment

Penny Guarisco – Interest in property on Newell Street for Fabricating business; not zoned for fabricating shop.

D. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2021.

Motion by Dault **Supported** by Zatalokin to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2021.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Dault, Zatalokin, Murchison, Shears, Scott, Miller

Nays- None **Absent-** None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

E. Unfinished Business

1. Campground sub-committee report

Member Dault advised Council the committee has directed City Manager to negotiate the contract with the Newaygo County Parks Commission. **Discussion Received**

2. City owned house at 10 S. North Street (Dault request)

Dault request for status of bid for sale or bid for demolition. November minutes state Council took no action on motion and support of a request for proposal of demolition during that meeting. **Discussion Received**

F. New Business

1. Action regarding closed session

Closed session of December 7, 2021, was City Manager resignation effective at 11:59 p.m. on January 2, 2022. City Manager requested a copy of the resignation letter be put in the permanent Council record. A separation agreement will be negotiated, and an Interim City Manager needs to be discussed.

a. Motion by Dault, **Supported** by Zatalokin to approve resignation of City Manager, Yvonne Ridge effective January 2, 2022, at 11:59 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Dault, Zatalokin, Shears, Miller

Nays- Scott, Murchison **Absent-**None **Abstained:** None

Motion Carried

b. Motion by Dault, **Supported** by Zatalokin to approve Mayor Miller & Mayor Pro-Tem Shears to negotiate separation agreement with Attorney Cliff Bloom.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Dault, Zatalokin, Shears, Miller

Nays- Scott, Murchison **Absent-**None **Abstained:** None

Motion Carried

c. Interim City Manager option for looking at hiring an Interim City Manager from outside or hire City Treasurer for the interim as recommended.

Motion by Zatalokin, **Supported** by Dault to appoint current City Treasurer, April Storms, to Interim City Manager position upon acceptance of negotiated contract effective January 3, 2022.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Zatalokin, Dault, Shears, Scott, Murchison, Miller

Nays- None **Absent-**None **Abstained:** None

Motion Carried

d. Motion by Dault, **Supported** by Zatalokin to approve Mayor Miller and Mayor Pro-Tem Shears to negotiate Interim City-Manager contract with Attorney Cliff Bloom.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Dault, Zatalokin, Shears, Murchison, Scott, Miller

Nays- None **Absent-**None **Abstained:** None

Motion Carried

2. Resolution 2021-60, November expenditures

A resolution to approve City expenditures for the month of November 2021.

Motion by Dault, **Supported** by Zatalokin to approve Resolution 2021-60, November expenditures.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Dault, Zatalokin, Shears, Scott, Murchison, Miller

Nays- None **Absent-**None **Abstained:** None

Motion Carried

3. Special Events Application: Kris Kringle Mix n Mingle Christmas

Application to host Christmas event on Friday, December 17 and Saturday, December 18th.

Motion by Dault, **Supported** by Zatalokin to approve the special events application for Kris Kringle Mix n Mingle as well as waive the application fee.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Dault, Zatalokin, Murchison, Scott, Shears, Miller

Nays- None **Absent-** None **Abstained:** None

Motion Carried

4. Special Events Application: Class of 2022 Senior “Cruze”

Application turned in for Senior class of 2022 to hold their senior cruise through designated streets.

Motion by Shears, **Supported** by Dault to approve Class of 2022 Senior “Cruze” application and waive the application fee.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Shears, Zatalokin, Dault, Scott, Murchison, Miller

Nays- None **Absent-** None **Abstained:** None

Motion Carried

5. Resolution 2021-64 Setting the Regular Council Meeting dates for 2022

A resolution to approve regular scheduled Council meeting dates and time for 2022.

Motion by Dault, **Supported** by Shears to approve Resolution 2021-64.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Dault, Shears, Murchison, Scott, Zatalokin, Miller

Nays- None **Absent-** None **Abstained:** None

Motion Carried

6. Resolution 2021-65 Setting 2022 Holiday Schedule for City employees

A resolution to approve the employee holiday schedule for calendar year 2022.

Motion by Dault, **Supported** by Miller to approve Resolution 2021-65, setting employee holiday schedule for 2022.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Dault, Miller, Murchison, Scott, Shears, Zatalokin

Nays- None **Absent-** None **Abstained:** None

Motion Carried

7. Council Rules of Order & Procedure

Current rules and procedures of Council are from 1997. Member Shears would like rules and procedure go to Personnel committee for a re-write and then to Council for approval.

Motion by Shears, **Supported** by Dault to have rules and procedures of Council rewritten by Personnel Committee and presented to Council for approval.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Shears, Dault, Scott, Murchison, Zatalokin, Miller

Nays- None **Absent-** None **Abstained:** None

Motion Carried

8. Open Council Seat

Open Council seat was posted following the November 9, 2021 Council meeting. One application has been received. Council will not accept any more applications but will put off appointing until January 2022 meeting due to that person not being included in the Closed session discussion.

Discussion Received

9. Term Expiration: Planning Commission

There will be one term expiring December 31, 2021. An application has been received from Anthony Johnson and current member Twing have expressed interest in retaining his position. Twing was watching the meeting via Zoom and stated he would be willing to yield from Planning Commission if there is interest from someone else.

Motion by Murchison, **Supported** by Shears to appoint Anthony Johnson to the Planning Commission for a term ending 12/31/2024.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Murchison, Shears, Scott, Zatalokin, Dault, Miller

Nays- None **Absent-** None **Abstained:** None

Motion Carried

10. Term expiration : Tax Board of Review

Two terms will expire December 31, 2021. Current members Charlie Twing and Marva Shears would like to retain their position on the board.

Motion by Shears, **Supported** by Murchison to re-appoint Charlie Twing and Marva Shears to Tax Board of Review with both terms expiring 12/31/2023.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Shears, Murchison, Zatalokin, Scott, Dault, Miller

Nays- None **Absent-** None **Abstained:** None

Motion Carried

11. Term expiration: Marihuana Board

Marihuana Board consists of seven (7) members. There are currently five terms expiring December 31, 2021. Gary Anderson, Charlie Twing, Chad Fetterley and Cathleen Graham have expressed interest in retaining their position. Jerry LeBlanc has not responded. Patty Steffes has turned in an application to serve on the board. Mayor Miller would like to see the board staggered in term expirations.

Motion by Shears, **Supported** by Dault to appoint Patty Steffes to the Marihuana License Board for a term of two (2) year expiring 12/31/2023.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Shears, Dault, Zatalokin, Scott, Murchison, Miller

Nays- None **Absent-** None **Abstained:** None

Motion Carried

Motion by Miller, **Supported** by Shears to re-appoint Gary Anderson, Charlie Twing, Cathleen Graham and Chad Fetterley to a one (1) year term expiring 12/31/2022.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Shears, Dault, Zatalokin, Murchison, Scott, Miller

Nays- None **Absent-** None **Abstained:** None

Motion Carried

G. Correspondence

1. Police Department Report
2. Treasurer Report
3. DPW Report
4. Code Enforcement Report
6. City Manager Report
7. NC Road Commission Diesel & gas monthly savings
8. Newsletter

Received

H. Public Comment

Cheryl Hult, Dennis Hult

Received

I. Council Member Comments

C. Dault, A. Zatalokin, L. Shears, B. Miller

Received

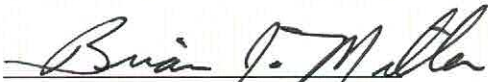
J. Adjournment

Motion by Dault, **Supported** by Shears to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.


Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Dault, Shears, Zatalokin, Scott, Murchison, Miller

Nays- None **Absent-** None **Abstained:** None

Motion Carried



Brian J. Miller, Mayor



Kelli Arnold, Clerk
Approved on 1-4-2022

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