



City of White Cloud
12 N. Charles Street
White Cloud, Michigan 49349 & via Zoom
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Minutes for December 6, 2022, 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: Damon Anuci, Herm Becker, Candice Dault, Darren LaClair, Brian Miller, Jeff Murchison, Lori Shears

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager April Storms, Clerk Kelli Arnold

Guest sign-in: Rich Dault, Christine Tiernan, Matt Biolette, Joanne Chandler, Kay Scott, Marva Shears, Dan Abid

Zoom: Mike & Mary Tiernan

2. Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda for the regular City Council meeting of December 6, 2022.

Motion by Dault, Seconded by Anuci to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote: Yes-All No-None Absent-None Abstained-None Motion Carried

3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Murchison.

B. Reserved Time

None

C. Public Comment

Joanne Chandler

Received

D. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the Regular meeting Minutes of November 1, 2022.

Motion by Dault Seconded by Murchison to approve the minutes of November 1, 2022.

Vote: Yes-All No-None Absent-None Abstained-None Motion Carried

E. Unfinished Business

None

F. New Business

1. Resolution 2022-56 November expenditures.

A resolution to approve all expenditures of the City for November 2022.

Motion by Murchison, **Seconded** by LaClair to adopt Resolution 2022-56, November expenditures.

Roll Call Vote: Yes- Murchison, LaClair, Shears, Becker, Miller, Anuci, Dault
No-None Absent-None Abstained-None **Motion Carried**

2. Resolution 2022-57 City Council Meeting Dates 2023

A resolution to set the 2023 Council meeting dates.

Motion by Shears, **Seconded** by Dault to adopt Resolution 2022-57, setting the Council dates for 2023.

Vote: Yes-All No-None Absent-None Abstained-None **Motion Carried**

3. Resolution 2022-58 City Employee Holiday Dates 2023

An ordinance to set the 2023 employee holiday dates.

Motion by Dault **Seconded** by Shears to adopt Resolution 2022-58.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-Dault, Shears, LaClair, Murchison, Anuci, Miller
No-Becker Absent-None Abstained-None **Motion Carried**

4. Resolution 2022-59 MI PAR Plan Risk Reduction Grant App

A request for approval from the City Council for the City Manager to apply for a grant through MI PAR Plan for security cameras at Rotary Park, not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Shears to adopt Resolution 2022-59.

Vote: Yes-All No-None Absent-None Abstained-None **Motion Carried**

5. Resolution 2022-60 EGLE Dam Risk Reduction Grant App

A resolution to approve applying to Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Water resources division dam risk reduction grant program with authority to submit for a requested grant amount of \$262,015 and a city portion not to exceed \$39,303.00.

Motion by Shears **Seconded** by Becker to adopt Resolution 2022-60.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-Shears, Becker, Anuci, Dault, LaClair, Murchison, Miller
No-None Absent-None Abstained-None **Motion Carried**

6. Resolution 2022-61 Professional Services Agreement for Smith Park Master Planning and Spark Grant App

A resolution to approve entering a professional services agreement (PSA) with Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc. at a cost of \$12,800.00, in preparation of the White Cloud Smith Park Master Planning and MDNR/Spark grant application.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Shears to approve and adopt Resolution 2022-61.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-Dault, Shears, LaClair, Anuci, Murchison, Miller, Becker
No-None Absent-None Abstained-None **Motion Carried**

7. Expenditure for new Caterpillar Work Tool

Seeking City Council approval to spend \$14,705.88 on a Caterpillar Model WT-BHL Work Tool out of the DPW equipment fund. The attachment will assist in leaf & brush pick-up.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Becker to approve the purchase of the Caterpillar work tool.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-Dault, Becker, LaClair, Murchison, Shears, Anuci, Miller
No-None Absent-None Abstained-None **Motion Carried**

8. Special Events Christmas and Fee Waiver

An application to hold Christmas in Smith Park on Friday, December 16 from 5p.m.-8p.m. and Saturday, December 17 on Wilcox from 11a.m.-3p.m. for a walk-through light display, wagon rides, Santa & Mrs. Claus, various activities at local businesses and organizations. A fee waiver request for being a community event hosted by community volunteers and businesses.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Anuci to approve the special event application and waive the application fee.

Vote: Yes-All No-None Absent-None Abstained-None

Motion Carried

9. Personnel Committee Recommendations

a. Proposed wage scale

A proposal from the Personnel Committee to City Council for full-time police officer hourly wage to increase 4% from \$20.77 to \$21.60 per hour, and for the DPW Supervisor and Police Chief hourly wage to increase 4% from \$25.08 to \$26.08, effective January 1, 2023.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Becker to approve recommendations of the Personnel Committee for the increase effective January 1, 2023 for full-time Police officers, Police Chief and DPW Supervisor.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-Dault, Becker, LaClair, Murchison, Shears, Anuci, Miller

No-None Absent-None Abstained-None

Motion Carried

b. Personnel Manual amendment

A proposal from the Personnel Committee to City Council to amend the Personnel manual and add:

Holiday Donation: The City Council may provide a bonus around the Christmas holiday. When awarded, it is a taxable gift that goes through a special payroll and will be determined by budgetary demands and donation. Any holiday bonus is exempt from MERS or any retirement contributions.

The City Manager stated the holiday bonus will not be paid by government funds; it will be funded strictly by donations.

Motion by Shears, **Seconded** by Dault to approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee for the Personnel Manual amendment to include Holiday donation(s).

Roll Call Vote: Yes-Shears, Dault, Murchison

No-Becker, Anuci, Miller, LaClair Absent-None Abstained-None

Motion Failed

c. Holiday bonus

Due to the Personnel Manual amendment above failing, without the approval of the Council to add to the Personnel Manual, a holiday bonus cannot be given; therefore, this item was not discussed.

d. Rental inspection employee contract

The City Council was presented with the Personnel committee recommendation to Council to accept the Rental Inspection Officer employment agreement and the approval of Don Duffey as the Inspector.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Shears to approve the recommendations of the Personnel Committee for the Rental Inspection Officer employment agreement and employment with Don Duffey.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-Dault, Shears, LaClair, Becker, Murchison, Anuci, Miller

No-None Absent-None Abstained-None

Motion Carried

10. Library & City Hall joint building discussion

City Manager brought to Council the question of whether they are or are not interested in discussion with the library for a possible Library & City Hall joint building.

Each Council member gave their opinion:

C. Dault: Not interested at this time, City has too many other financial obligations

D. Anuci: Would like library to provide more information

H. Becker: No

Shears: Split; would like library to get more answers and provide more information

LaClair: Against it

Murchison: Split; explore more what are the pros and cons

Miller: Split; would like library to do more research on how joining the 2 together is a benefit

Discussion Received

G. Correspondence

1. Police Department report
2. DPW report
3. Planning and Zoning Report
4. City Manager Report/Treasurer report
5. Miscellaneous

Received

H. Public Comment

C. Tiernan, library board representative

D. Abid

Received

I. Council Member Comments

C. Dault, H. Becker, L. Shears, B. Miller

Received

J. Adjournment


Meeting adjourned by Mayor Miller at 7:10 p.m.

Motion by Miller **Seconded** by Dault to adjourn.

Vote: Yes-All No-None Absent-None Abstained-None

Motion Carried


Brian J. Miller, Mayor


Kelli Arnold, Clerk
Approved on 1-3-2023