



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

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**Amended Minutes for February 7, 2023, 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, Brian Miller, Jeff Murchison, Lori Shears

**Members Absent:** LaClair

**Staff Present:** City Manager April Storms, Clerk Kelli Arnold

**Guest sign-in:** Richard Dault, Chuck Trapp, Dan Abid, Marva Shears

**Zoom:** Charles Twing

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Miller requested to amend the agenda to delete New Business item #14, it is shown twice;

Add new business items #19, Council member resignation,

Add #20, Michigan Hot Air Adventures

Remove Reserved Time for Jestine Garcia

**Motion by Dault, Seconded by Anuci to approve the amended agenda.**

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

**3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Murchison.

**B. Reserved Time**

None

**C. Public Comment**

None

**D. Approval of Minutes**

1. Approval of the Regular meeting Minutes of January 3, 2023.

**Motion by Shears Seconded by Murchison to approve the minutes of January 3, 2023.**

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

**E. Unfinished Business**

None

**F. New Business**

1. Resolution 2023-05 Guidelines for granting Poverty Exemption from property taxes.

A resolution establishing guidelines for granting poverty exemptions from property taxes pursuant to MCL 211.7u and establishing the beginning date for Board of Review.

**Motion** by Dault, **Seconded** by Shears to adopt Resolution 2023-05.

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

No-None **Absent**-LaClair **Abstained**-None

**Motion Carried**

2. Resolution 2023-06 Approve hosting Community Development Fellow for 15 months

A resolution to approve hosting a Community Development Fellow for a fifteen-month placement beginning May 2023.

**Motion** by Murchison, **Seconded** by Dault to adopt Resolution 2023-06.

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

**Motion Carried**

3. Resolution 2023-07 Street Add certification (portion of Benson Street; from Minor to Major Streets)

A resolution for Street adds certification for Act 51; It is currently a well-traveled route for residents as well as commercial traffic.

**Motion** by Dault **Seconded** by Anuci to adopt Resolution 2023-07.

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

No-None **Absent**-LaClair **Abstained**-None

**Motion Carried**

4. Resolution 2023-08 Street Add certification (portion of Adda Street. From Minor to Major Streets)

A resolution for Street adds certification for Act 51; It is currently a well-traveled route for residents as well as commercial traffic.

**Motion** by Shears, **Seconded** by Dault to adopt Resolution 2023-08.

**Roll Call Vote:** Yes-All

No-None **Absent**-LaClair **Abstained**-None

**Motion Carried**

5. Resolution 2023-09 Submit application to MI Par Plan for Spring 2023

A resolution to approve applying to Michigan Township Participating Plan Risk Reduction for spring 2023 grant cycle to add security cameras at Rotary Park not to exceed \$2,500.00.

**Motion** by Dault **Seconded** by Murchison to adopt Resolution 2023-09.

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

No-None **Absent**-LaClair **Abstained**-None

**Motion Carried**

6. Resolution 2023-10 January Expenditures

A resolution to approve city expenditures for the month of January, 2023.

**Motion** by Anuci, **Seconded** by Shears to adopt Resolution 2023-10.

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

No-None **Absent**-LaClair **Abstained**-None

**Motion Carried**

7. Ordinance 2023-01 Peddlers & Solicitors: 1<sup>st</sup> read only

An ordinance to amend the current Peddlers and Solicitors chapter of the Code of Ordinances for the City relating to Peddlers & Solicitors;

to rescind chapter 113 Peddlers and Solicitors, Section 113.01, Sections 113.10-113.23 and to adopt Chapter 113 Peddlers, Solicitors, and Transient vendors Sections 113.30-51.

**Received**

8. White Cloud Area Fire Budget

The White Cloud Area Fire Proposed 2023-24 Budget was presented to the City Council for appropriations. Council members approved the budget appropriations as presented.

**Motion** by Dault **Seconded** by Becker to receive the WC Area Fire Budget as presented.

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

9. WC Cemetery Committee recommendations

The Cemetery Committee met and due to increased costs from West Michigan Burial, they have recommended to City Council to:

- a) Increase the interment fees from \$450 to \$475 during summer months, from \$600 to \$625 during winter months, and infant from \$250 to \$275
- b) Saturday interment rate will be an **additional** \$150
- c) After 4 pm weekday and Saturday an additional \$150 **per hour** non-prorated
- d) Disinterment rate is double the interment charge

**Motion** by Dault, **Seconded** by Becker to approve and adopt the Cemetery Committee recommendations to update the City Cemetery fees.

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

**No-None Absent-LaClair Abstained-None Motion Carried**

10. The Right Place annual contribution (\$500)

Julie Burrell, Newaygo County Economic Development Director, sent a request for the City of White Cloud to make a \$500.00 investment to Economic Development for year 2023.

**Motion** by Becker, **Seconded** by Anuci to approve request of \$500 to Newaygo County Economic Development.

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

**No-None Absent-LaClair Abstained-None Motion Carried**

11. Resolution 2023-11 Budget Amendment

A resolution to amend the budget for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year.

**Motion** by Dault, **Seconded** by Becker to approve Resolution 2023-11, amending the budget.

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

**No-None Absent-None LaClair Abstained-None Motion Carried**

12. Resolution 2023-12 Purchase a truck for DPW

The City of Fremont is selling a 2012 Ford F-250 4x4 with 58,050 miles, V8 standard work truck for \$18,000.00. Resolution 2023-12 is a resolution to approve and authorize the City Manager to sign all documents pertaining to the sale for the DPW (Department of Public Works).

**Motion** by Dault, **Seconded** by Shears to adopt Resolution 2023-12.

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

**No-None Absent-LaClair Abstained-None Motion Carried**

13. Construction Board of Appeals applicant/appointment

An application was received from Jacob Stewlow to fill a vacant seat on the Construction Board of Appeals. Jacob is a licensed building inspector with the criteria to fill the Board of Appeals role.

**Motion** by Dault, **Seconded** by Anuci to appoint Jacob Stewlow to the Construction Board of appeals.

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

14. Removed from Agenda

15. Resolution 2023-13 MCOLES Grant application

A resolution to approve submitting an application for MCOLES Public Safety Academy Assistance Program.

**Motion** by Dault, **Seconded** by Murchison to adopt and approve Resolution 2023-13.

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

No-None ~~Absent-None~~ LaClair ~~Abstained-None~~

**Motion Carried**

16. Resolution 2023-14 FACF Grant application

A resolution to approve submitting grant application to the Fremont Area Community Foundation (FACF) for the purpose of park improvements and to assist with funding MCOLES Public Safety Assistance Program.

**Motion** by Dault, **Seconded** by Shears to adopt Resolution 2023-14.

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

No-None ~~Absent-None~~ LaClair ~~Abstained-None~~

**Motion Carried**

17. Compensation Committee recommendation

The Local Officers Compensation met for their biennial meeting; they have made a recommendation to increase council member meeting pay from the current \$35 per meeting to \$50 per meeting up to 18 meetings per year. No change to the mayor's monthly salary.

Effective 30 days after filing with the City Clerk per Code of Ordinances §33.07.

**Motion** by Dault, **Seconded** by Anuci to accept the recommendation of the Compensation Committee increasing Council member per meeting pay to \$50.

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

No-Becker ~~Absent-LaClair~~ ~~Abstained-None~~

**Motion Carried**

18. Compensation Committee resignation

Charles Chandler turned in his resignation letter, he will no longer be a member on the compensation committee.

**Motion** by Dault, **Seconded** by Shears to accept Charles Chandler's resignation from the Local Officer's Compensation Committee.

**Vote:** Yes-All No-None ~~Absent-LaClair~~ ~~Abstained-None~~

**Motion Carried**

19. City Council resignation

Darren LaClair resigned from City Council effective February 6, 2023, as he is unable to fulfill the obligation to the city the way he originally intended. The term expires 11/9/2026.

**Motion** by Shears, **Seconded** by Becker to accept the resignation of Darren LaClair from the City Council.

**Vote:** Yes-All No-None ~~Absent-None~~ LaClair ~~Abstained-None~~

**Motion Carried**

20. Michigan Hot Air Balloons

The Sesquicentennial committee has secured Michigan Hot Air Adventures for hot air balloons at the Sesquicentennial celebration in July. Council member Shears has requested Council authorize and approve the City Manager as a signee to the contract along with her due to the event being held on City property, for transparency, and legality.

**Motion** by Becker, **Seconded** by Murchison to approve City Manager as a signee.

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

No-None ~~Absent-None~~ ~~Abstained-None~~

**Motion Carried**

**G. Closed Session**

*MCL 15.268 (a) To consider a periodic personnel evaluation of a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, if the named person requests a closed hearing. A person requesting a closed hearing may rescind the request at any time, in which case the matter at issue shall be considered after the rescission only in open session.*

- 1. Motion & Vote to enter closed session

**Motion** by Murchison, **Seconded** by Dault to enter closed session.

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

- 2. City Manager Performance Evaluation/Personnel recommendation discussion

- 3. Motion & Vote to enter open session

**Motion** by Shears, **Seconded** by Dault to end closed session and enter open session.

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

**H. Action Item**

- 1. City Manager Compensation

Based on the City Manager evaluation being in the Exceptional range and accomplishments over the past year it is recommended to increase City Manager salary five percent (5%) at the new fiscal year (2023/2024).

**Motion** by Becker, **Seconded** by Murchison to increase salary of City Manager five percent (5%) at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

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

**Motion Carried**

**I. Correspondence**

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

**Received**

**J. Public Comment**

D. Abid

**Received**

**K. Council Member Comments**

L. Shears, B. Miller, H. Becker, J. Murchison

**Received**

**L. Adjournment**


Meeting adjourned by Mayor Miller at 7:16 p.m.

**Motion** by Becker **Seconded** by Shears to adjourn.

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

**Motion Carried**

  
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Brian J. Miller, Mayor

  
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Kelli Arnold, Clerk  
Approved on March 7, 2023