



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

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Minutes for November 14, 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, Jeff Murchison, Lori Shears, Brian Miller

Members Absent: Amy Barnhard

Staff Present: City Manager, Storms (via Zoom), Police Chief Evans, Clerk Arnold

Guest sign-in: Marva Shears, Rich Dault, Rachael Porter, Blake Wondergem

Via Zoom: None

2. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda for November 14, 2023, as presented.

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

Vote: Ayes-All No-None Absent-Barnhard Abstained-None **Motion Carried**

3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Murchison.

B. Public Comment

Blake Wondergem

Received

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the Regular Council meeting Minutes from October 3, 2023.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Shears to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 3, 2023.

Vote: Ayes-All No-None Absent- Barnhard Abstained-None **Motion Carried**

D. Unfinished Business

None

E. New Business

1. Resolution 2023-45 October expenditures

A resolution to approve the city expenditures throughout the month of October 2023.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Becker to adopt Resolution 2023-45.

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

No-None Absent-Barnhard Abstained-None

Motion Carried

2. Resolution 2023-46 Property Sale

A resolution to approve and authorize City Manager Storms to execute the documents for the sale of property located at 10 S. North Street.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Anuci to approve and adopt Resolution 2023-46.

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

No-None **Absent**-Barnhard **Abstained**-None

Motion Carried

3. Term expirations/appointments

- a. Fire Board 6-year term: Brian Miller
- b. Planning Commission 3-year term: Chad Fetterley, Christine Tiernan & Jamie Steffes
- c. Cemetery Committee 5-year term: Mike Kymes
- d. Marihuana License Board 2-year term: Cathleen Graham
- e. Compensation Committee 4-year term: Glen Hershberger
- f. Zoning Board of Appeals 3-year term: Candice Dault

All persons listed with a term expiring at the end of 2023 have voiced interest in retaining their seat on the respective boards/committees.

Motion by Shears, **Seconded** by Dault to extend the terms for the appropriate boards and committees as presented.

Vote: Ayes-All No-None **Absent**-Barnhard **Abstained**-None

Motion Carried

*Herm Becker has volunteered to be the Fire Board alternate for a 6-year term.

Motion by Murchison, **Seconded** by Dault to appoint

Vote: Ayes-All No-None **Absent**-Barnhard **Abstained**-None

Motion Carried

4. Special Events Application for WC Christmas Event

A special event application for a community Christmas holiday celebration on December 9, 2023, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Becker to approve the Christmas event special events application along with the fee waiver request.

Vote: Ayes- All No-None **Absent**-Barnhard **Abstained**-None

Motion Carried

5. Fee Waiver Application for WC Christmas Event

Approved with special event application (item #4 above).

6. Pine Hill Water Tower Repairs: Bid Recommendation

2024 Water Tower Miscellaneous Repairs Project. Bids received for the repairs of the Pine Hill water tower came from L&T for project total of \$44,200.00 and LC United for \$39,000.00 to do sample tap, overflow pipe discharge modification, roof vent, roof handrail and painters railing and mud valve. City Manager recommendation to Council to accept the bid from LC United.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Murchison to approve repairs through LC United for 2024 Pine Hill water tower repairs.

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

No-None **Absent**-Barnhard **Abstained**-None

Motion Carried

7. CEDAM Placemaking Project Approval

MEDC has offered all CEDAM fellows (Andrew Stafford is our CEDAM Fellow) funding up to \$10,000 for a placemaking project; Creating a space in the downtown that can contribute to the character of the city. There is a small strip on Benson & Wilcox that Andrew has chosen. The

council was presented with the rendering of his proposed project. The project must be completed by July 2024.

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Shears to approve the CEDAM Placemaking Project.

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

No-None **Absent**-Barnhard **Abstained**-None

Motion Carried

8. Joint Board Meetings

One annual joint meeting of all boards and committees will take place in the month of January. The meeting will be to discuss shared priorities among the boards, objectives and goals laid out by the Master Plan. The meeting will also be an open discussion on how each board can help the city reach its development goals.

Received

9. WCSUA update

There are multiple issues, the main issue is a charter violation regarding ownership of the assets (*Code of Ordinances, Chapter 7, Section 7.11 Disposal of Utility Plants and Property*)
SECTION 7.11 DISPOSAL OF UTILITY PLANTS AND PROPERTY.

Unless approved by a three-fourths majority vote of the electors voting thereon at a regular or special election the city shall not sell, exchange, lease or in any way dispose of any property, easement, equipment, privilege or asset belonging to and appertaining to any municipally owned utility. All contracts, negotiations, licenses, grants, leases or other forms of transfer in violation of this section shall be void and of no effect as against the city. The restrictions of this section shall not apply to the sale or exchange of any articles of machinery or equipment of any city owned utility which are worn out or useless or which have been or could with advantage to the service be replaced by new and improved machinery or equipment.)

The WCSUA board was asked to have their attorney draft a maintenance and service agreement outlining the authority's responsibilities and the city will address the city charter issue by proposing ballot language for a vote of the public in 2024 for the city residents to vote on the utility assets.

Council members in favor of a vote of the public: Miller, Dault, Anuci, Becker, Shears, Murchison

Absent: Barnhard

F. Correspondence

1. Police Department report
2. DPW report
3. CEDAM Fellow report
4. Zoning report
5. City Manager report/Treasurer report
6. WCSUA Packet

Received

G. Public Comment

Blake Wondergem

Received

H. Council Member Comments

Shears, Miller

Received

I. Adjournment

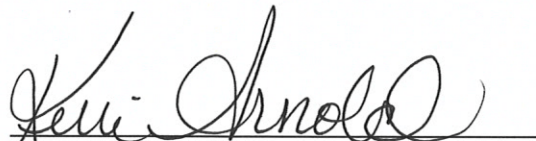
Meeting adjourned by Mayor Miller at 7:03 p.m.

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Dault to adjourn.

Vote: Ayes-All No-None **Absent**-Barnhard

Motion Carried


Brian J. Miller, Mayor


Kelli Arnold, Clerk

Approved on 12/05/2023

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