



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

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Minutes for March 5, 2024, 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, Amy Barnhard, Herm Becker, Candice Dault, Jeff Murchison, Lori Shears, Brian Miller

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Storms, CEDAM Fellow Stafford, Police Chief Evans

Guest sign-in: Rich Dault, Suzy Kozlowski, Gerald Kozlowski, Marva Shears, April Pickard

Via Zoom: None

2. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda for March 5, 2024, as presented.

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

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

3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Murchison.

B. Public Comment

None

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the Regular Council meeting Minutes from February 6, 2024.

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Anuci to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 6, 2024.

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

D. Reserved Time

April Pickard – introduced herself to Council as a candidate running for Newaygo County Clerk.

E. Unfinished Business

None

F. New Business

1. Resolution 2024-12 February expenditures

A resolution to approve city expenditures for February 2024 in the amount of \$119,274.79.

Motion by Shears, **Seconded** by Anuci to adopt Resolution 2024-12.

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

No-None Absent–None

Abstained-None

Motion Carried

2. Resolution 2024-13 Wayfinding Signs

A resolution establishing the placing of seven (7) wayfinding signs on MDOT’s rights-of-way along M-37 and M-20 that serves the general public and complies with MDOT’s wayfinding sign regulations.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Barnhard to adopt Resolution 2024-13.

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

No-None Absent-None Abstained-None

Motion Carried

3. Resolution 2024-14 Airport annual contract (s)

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute airport sponsor contracts with the State of Michigan Department of Transportation, Office of Aeronautics on behalf of the City of White Cloud Airport during 2024.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Shears to adopt Resolution 2024-14.

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

No-None Absent-None Abstained-None

Motion Carried

4. Agreement Special Tee’s & Graphics/City of White Cloud

A license agreement between the City of White Cloud and Special Tee’s & Graphics for a fixed term to attach artwork on panels in the form of a mural to the west side of the Special Tee’s building located at 1142 E. Wilcox. The city shall be responsible for and bear all expenses of maintenance, repair and anchoring of artwork attached to the west (Williams Street) side of the Special Tee’s building.

Motion by Shears, **Seconded** by Dault to approve the agreement between the City of White Cloud and Special Tee’s for an art mural.

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

Motion Carried

5. Special Events application for Senior “Cruze” 2024

An application submitted by White Cloud Public School to allow approximately 80 vehicles to do a senior class “cruze” throughout City streets on Monday, May 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Dault , **Seconded** by Murchison to approve the WCPS special events application for a Senior class “Cruze”.

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

Motion Carried

6. Personnel Committee recommendation for Fiscal Year 2024/2025

A recommendation from the Personnel Committee for a three percent (3%) wage increase for employees during the Fiscal 2024/2025 Year.

Motion by Dault , **Seconded** by Murchison to approve the wage increase recommendation from Personnel Committee.

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

No-None Absent-None Abstained-None

Motion Carried

7. Personnel recommendation for DPW Seasonal hire

A recommendation from the personnel Committee to hire a seasonal DPW position from April through September.

Motion by Dault , **Seconded** by Anuci to approve the Personnel Committee recommendation for a seasonal DPW position.

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

Motion Carried

8. Personnel recommendation for Rental Inspector Hire

A recommendation from the Personnel Committee to hire John Tow for the Rental Inspection Officer position. Compensation will be \$150 per initial inspection with one re-inspection if needed, including administrative duties. John is certified in MSHDA Section 8 and Community Mental Health.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Becker to approve the Personnel Committee recommendation to hire John Tow for rental inspections.

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

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

Motion Carried

9. Personnel recommendation for COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) Grant full-time hire

A recommendation from the Personnel Committee to hire Breonna VanVleet full-time utilizing the Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant that was awarded in the amount of \$125,000.00 over a 3-year period.

Motion by Murchison, **Seconded** by Anuci to approve hiring Breonna VanVleet as a full-time officer.

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

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

Motion Carried

10. Vehicle Use Policy

We do an audit each year with Michigan Par Plan; This is a policy that we did not have in place, it has been added to our policies to ensure that for liability purpose we are covered.

Received

11. Agreement/contract 1137 E. Wilcox (mural)

An agreement between the City of White Cloud and White River Management, Inc. to enhance the aesthetic appeal, placing a mural to the west side of the building located at 1137 E. Wilcox Street as part of the CEDAM Placemaking Grant project. The city shall be responsible for and bear all expenses of maintenance, repair and anchoring of artwork attached to the west (Benson Street) side of the building; The property owner will be responsible for electricity cost.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Shears to approve the agreement/contract with White River Management, Inc.

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

Motion Carried

12. Hangar lease

Bob Ekkel, owner of 4 stall hangar at the airport, was in attendance to address Council on item #20 of the Hangar #1 lease. Currently the lease reads as follows:

Lessee agrees that the premises shall be used exclusively for the storage of aircraft. Lessee further agrees not to use or permit the use of the premises for any other purpose including the conduct of any business activity including, but not limited to, aircraft charter service, aircraft rental, aircraft flight or ground instruction, aircraft maintenance, storage of other miscellaneous items, repair or refurbishment or aircraft sales. However, Lessee reserves the right to maintain and repair any aircraft personally owned by Lessee.

Bob would like the word “used” in the first sentence to be changed to “leased”. The first sentence would read as follows:

Lessee agrees that the premises shall be leased exclusively for the storage of aircraft.

Motion by Shears **Seconded** by Dault to accept and approve the change to item #20 of the Hangar lease.

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

Motion Carried

G. Correspondence

1. Police Department report
2. DPW report
3. CEDAM Fellow report
4. Zoning report
5. City Manager report/Treasurer report
6. River Country Chamber of Commerce update
7. White Cloud Sherman Utility Authority
8. Miscellaneous

Received

H. Public Comment

Gerald Kozlowski

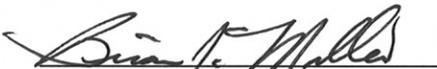
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I. Council Member Comments

None

J. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Miller at 6:52 p.m.



Brian J. Miller, Mayor



Kelli Arnold, Clerk

Approved on 4-2-2024