



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

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Minutes for October 1, 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, Herm Becker, Brian Miller, Lori Shears, Candice Dault, Jeff Murchison, Amy Barnhard

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Storms

Guest sign-in: Marva Shears, Rich Dault, Kay Scott

Via Zoom: None

2. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda for October 1, 2024 as presented.

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

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

3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Murchison

B. Public Hearing

1. Call to order Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on the request to create an OPRA district that includes the following parcels:

- 62-15-05-133-005 (126 S. Benson St.)
- 62-11-32-400-046 (223 N. Webster St.)
- 62-11-32-400-033 (1341 E. Pine Hill Ave.)
- 62-15-05-136-026 (1165 E. Wilcox Ave.)
- 62-15-05-177-026 (253 S. Charles St.)

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Dault to open the Public Hearing at 6:02.

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

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

2. Public Comment

None

3. Close Public Hearing

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Dault to close the Public Hearing at 6:05.

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

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

C. Reserved Time

None

D. Public Comment

None

E. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the Regular City Council meeting minutes from September 3, 2024.
Becker stated that under letter I. Council Member Comments, the public comments are listed there, they should be moved to public comment to correct.

Motion by Anuci, **Seconded** by Shears to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 3, 2024, with correction to comments.

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

F. Unfinished Business

None

G. New Business

1. Resolution 2024-46 September expenditures
A resolution to approve the September expenditures for payroll & claims in the amount of \$218,104.99.

Motion by Murchison **Seconded** by Anuci to adopt Resolution 2024-46.

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

2. Resolution 2024-44 to formally establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District to include the following parcels:

- 62-15-05-133-005 (126 S. Benson St.)
- 62-11-32-400-046 (223 N. Webster St.)
- 62-11-32-400-033 (1341 E. Pine Hill Ave.)
- 62-15-05-136-026 (1165 E. Wilcox St.)
- 62-15-05-177-026 (253 S. Charles St)

Motion by Shears **Seconded** by Anuci to adopt Resolution 2024-44.

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

3. Resolution 2024-47 Transfer Act 51 Funds from Major Streets to Local Streets

The Legislature amended Act 51 by Public Act 9 of 2004 to allow local units to transfer up to 50% of their annual major street funding for the local street system provided it has adopted an Asset Management Process. The City of White Cloud meets the guidelines outlined in PA 9 of 2004 and wishes to transfer \$25,000.00 from the Major Street budget to the Local Street budget to be used for routine maintenance and structure improvement of James Street: from Lester Street to Barton Street to North Street (asphalt overlay).

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Anuci to adopt Resolution 2024-47.

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

4. Resolution 2024-48 Grant application to Fremont Area Community Foundation (FACF)

A resolution to submit a grant request to Fremont Area Community Foundation for \$46,500.00 funding to support economic development promoting small business development. The concept is a micro incubator business opportunity in the downtown utilizing Newaygo County's parking space along Wilcox for temporary shopping and dining experience(s).

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Barnhard to adopt Resolution 2024-48.

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

No-None Absent-None Abstained-None

Motion Carried

5. Text My Gov proposal

Council members were presented with a proposal for a messaging app that works 24/7 between local government agencies and citizens. Some features of TextMyGov are to find information, report issues and send alerts. The first-year total is \$4,000.00, annual recurring fee is \$3,000.00 with a three-year term.

Council members would like additional information & time to consider. **Received**

6. Asset Management Plan – Street Projects Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 through FY 2028-29

These are reasonable predictions for the 5–6-year street plan for the city.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Anuci to approve the Asset management Plan – Street Projects Fiscal Years 2023/24-2028/29.

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

Motion Carried

7. Special Events Application & Fee Waiver for Halloween Hollow Trunk or Treat

A special events application by Boomerang 49349 Inc. for Thursday, October 31st at White Cloud County Campground to host Halloween Hollow including costume contest and trunk or treat.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Anuci to approve Special events application and waive the fee.

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

Motion Carried

8. Disorderly person/obscene conduct at Smith Park

On May 16th, the security camera at Smith Park recorded a man defecate on an outside wall of the Smith Park restroom building and a few inches from the drinking fountains. The Newaygo County Prosecutor's Office issued one count of Disorderly person/obscene conduct on the suspect. There was an agreement between the Prosecutor's Office and the Defense Attorney for the client to pay \$75.00. On the day of the hearing to finalize, the suspect changed his mind and requested a jury trial. Chief Evans suggested in a memo to Council that they as the governing body waive their civil remedies meaning the City will not seek a civil lawsuit against the suspect for this incident.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Shears to waive the city's civil remedies against the suspect in this case regarding the incident on 5/16/2024 at Smith Park.

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

No-None Absent-None Abstained-None

Motion Carried

H. Correspondence

1. Police Department report
2. DPW report
3. City Manager report/Treasurer report/CM Memo
6. River Country Chamber of Commerce verbal update
7. WCSUA Board Packet
8. Miscellaneous

Received

I. Public Comment

None

J. Council Member Comments


Murchison, Becker

K. Adjournment

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



Brian J. Miller, Mayor



Kelli Arnold, Clerk
Approved on 11.12.2024

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