



City of White Cloud
NC Board of Commissioner's Room - 1087 E. Newell
White Cloud, Michigan 49349 & via Zoom

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Minutes for August 5, 2025, 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, Brian Miller, Jeffrey Murchison, Lori Shears

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: April Storms, Kelli Arnold, Jon Patterson, Samantha Waite

Guests: Richard Dault, Gary Anderson, Rhonda & Pat Hedlund, Ken Follett, Jan Smith, Jackie Smith, Dave Forton, Donna Nichols, Diane Patrick, Annette Gilbert, Debra Tanis, Donna & Gene Schotanus, Chris & Wendy Hanna, Shelly Cook, Joe Fox, Lynette H, Leon May, Kay Scott, James Ensign, Marce Hansen, Becci Kolenda, Dennis & Cheryl Hult, Angel Calnin, Symon Cronk, Chuck Christenson, Lonnie & Evelyn Rodriguez, Chad Fetterley, Tonya Debski, Gail Carter, Leslie Anderson, Laural Auw, Carol G, Gayle Conlan

Via Zoom: John Sasta, George, iPhone (2), John Stivers, Mindy Mench, Laura Watkins, Mark G, Nocole Woodard, Patty Steffes, ra643233ymond Schinler, Samsung SM-AO37U, Samsung S901U1, Sarah Bergakker, Heaven Glass, Rick Storms, Darla Hodges, Evertt Owens, iPhone(9)

2. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda for Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

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

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

Motion Carried

3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Murchison

B. Reserved Time

1. Brian Miller – Mayor, to address (mis)information in community

2. Paul Forton, Civil Engineer, of Spicer Group, Inc. Discussed repair, replace, and removal of dams that Spicer Group has provided engineering service for. Spoke of various funding mechanisms that have been used in past projects. Spicer Group does studies, cost estimating, design, permitting, and pursues grant funding for projects which include rehabilitation and modifications as well as removals. Over the past 20 years, Spicer Group has completed 200 dam safety and lake level reports. Dam Services include studies, cost estimating, design, permitting, grant funding, rehabilitation, modifications and removals. Paul shared a slideshow of relevant projects that Spicer Group has implemented and managed.

3. James Ensing of Wade Trim shared with the Council projects of dams and restoration projects they have completed as well as possible funding sources, cost saves and project life cycles. Stantec is a partner that Wade Trim works with on many projects, they do a lot of river restoration. James shared a slideshow of Dams similar to White Cloud Dam and renderings of restorations and removals as well as funding sources. Wade Trim process for funding and financing is to look at legislation, appropriations, rulemaking, funding availability, awards, administration through final reimbursement. A project lifecycle typically involves Scoping which covers alternatives development, cost estimates, pursuit of funding opportunities and project schedule, then preliminary design, permitting, final design, project letting then construction/completion.

4. Steve McManus (Geotechnical Engineer), Brian VeBeskey (Certified Lake Professional/Hydrologist) and Emily Campbell (Hydraulics Engineer) of Geosyntec Consultants of Michigan, Inc. shared a slide show with the Council. The slideshow shared recent dam removals, river restorations and dam rehabilitations. The slideshow went through the removal approach and the timeframe which could potentially be three years in before actual construction. River Restoration was discussed; it can be performed as a stand-alone practice or in tandem with a dam removal (or obstruction removal). Restoration will require a need to reconsider recreation within the reach such as canoeing, kayaking, trout fishing, bird watching, open space, park space, etc. Geosyntec has Dam Removal expertise, they recycle the project domain – maximize site contents to improve costs. Examples are sediment reuse for more natural recovery of the river and overbank vegetation, reuse viable dam components – clean concrete intermixed with river stone and trees repurposed for trout habitat, woody debris, structure and baseflow augmentation. The company has experience and success with funding options.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2025.

The council was presented with the draft regular meeting minutes of July 1, 2025.

Motion by Shears, **Seconded** by Barnhard to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 1, 2025.

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

Motion Carried

2. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2025.

The council was presented with the draft special meeting minutes of July 21, 2025.

Motion by Murchison, **Seconded** by Anuci to approve the special meeting minutes of July 21, 2025.

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

Motion Carried

D. Unfinished Business

None

E. New Business

1. Resolution 2025-28 July expenditures

A resolution to approve City expenditures for July 2025. The expenditures were \$42,178.70 for payroll and claims of \$127,439.92 for a monthly total of \$169,618.62.

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Dault to adopt Resolution 2025-28.

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

No-None Absent-None Abstained-None

Motion Carried

2. Fremont Area Community Foundation (FACF) Endowment Fund annual payout

The city has a total of \$46,492.29 in its endowment fund at FAF. FAF confirmed the city is eligible to receive an annual payout at a 4.1% spending rate; the fund has accrued, and the distribution amount is currently \$4,800.00. Moving forward there will be no accruals, only the annual payout amount. The Foundation is strongly encouraging all municipalities to request their annual payout and moving forward, receiving that distribution automatically each year.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Shears to request the payout and begin receiving distribution automatically each year.

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

No-None Absent-None Abstained-None

Motion Carried

3. Grant Administrative Services Technical Assistance Contract

A formal request for technical support to assist with the administration and oversight of the Spark Grant Project for five (5) contracted hours per week for a period of fifty-two (52) weeks at a rate of \$50 per hour, not to exceed \$13,000. The technical support ensures compliance, reporting accuracy and quality implementation of the DNR Spark Grant at Smith Park.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Barnhard to approve the Grant Administrative Services Technical Assistance Contract.

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

No-None Absent-None Abstained-None

Motion Carried

4. Special Events Application for White Cloud Public Schools Homecoming Parade

A special events application for a homecoming parade with sports team trailers, class banners, fire trucks & police escort on September 19, 2025, at 6:00 from Benson Street along Wilcox Ave to the East.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by ^{Anuci} Dault to approve the special events application and waive the application fee.

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

Motion Carried

5. Streamside Professional Services Contract

Professional Services Contract with Streamside for the White Cloud Dam Drawdown-Wetland Assessment according to Conditions 22 and 24 of Permit No. HQD-4BA5-3HOND with EGLE. The contract includes conducting a wetland assessment, delineation of existing wetland boundaries, completing final "Phase 1" project reports, providing EGLE with all information necessary for their review, additional tasks depending how the City decides to move forward, including an assessment of temporary and permanent wetland impacts, expected wetland boundaries post drawdown and long-term wetland boundaries including time and materials cost of \$150 per hour, \$0.70 per mile, not to exceed \$15,000.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Becker to approve the StreamsideEco Professional Services Contract.

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

No-None Absent-None Abstained-None

Motion Carried

F. Correspondence

1. Police Department report
2. DPW report
3. Zoning report
4. City Manager report/Treasurer report/CM Memo

Received

H. Council Member Comments

None

I. Adjournment

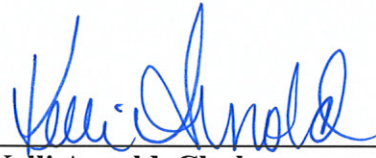
Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Dault to adjourn the meeting at 7:46.

Vote: Ayes-All

Motion Carried



Brian J. Miller, Mayor



Kelli Arnold, Clerk
Approved on 9/02/2025

