



**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 September 2, 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 6:14 p.m. due to technical issues.

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, Jon Patterson, Samantha Waite

Guests: Richard Dault, James Ensign, Marva Shears, Pam Miller, Dennis & Cheryl Hult, Gene & Donna Schotanus, Charles Chandler, Steve Smith, Catherine Musselman, Gayle Conlan, Annette Gilbert, Donna Nichols, Anayhia Nichols-Beiseigel, Jan Smith, Marce Hansen, Leon Bay, Kay Scott, Herman Sutherland, Chuck Christenson

Via Zoom: John Stivers, Samsung, Patrick’s Iphone, Laura Watkins, Nicole Woodard, J.E. Smith, Owner

2. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda for Tuesday, September 2, 2025, with amendment to add New Business, Item #5, Engineer proposal discussion & direction regarding WC Dam.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Anuci to approve the agenda with requested amendment.

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

3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Murchison

B. Reserved Time

1. James Ensign of Wade Trim for Phase One Dam Presentation

Project Phases:

Phase 1, Scoping includes:

*Comprehensive Schedule, the dates items are due to EGLE, including items such as hiring an engineer, having a realistic plan and making progress.

*Alternative Analysis -dam rehabilitation/dam deregulation/dam removal

Dam deregulation maintains existing crest location or moves crest upstream

Dam removal passive restoration, minimum effort to stabilize river

Dam removal active restoration includes riverbanks, exposed floodplain, recreation opportunities.

*Remove or replace bridge applies to all 3 alternatives; estimated \$2 million construction costs.

*Outside Funding Opportunities includes identifying what funding opportunities would be available for each alternative and how much money may be available.
*Probable Estimates of Cost

C. Public Comment

Pam Miller, Steve Smith, Herman Sutherland

Received

D. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2025.

The council was presented with a draft of the regular meeting minutes for August 5, 2025. Correct New business Item #4, the motion was to “approve the special events application and waive the application fee”.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Anuci to approve the amended regular meeting minutes of August 5, 2025.

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

Motion Carried

2. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2025.

The council was presented with a draft of the special meeting minutes for August 12, 2025.

Motion by Shears, **Seconded** by Dault to approve the special meeting minutes of August 12, 2025.

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

Motion Carried

E. Unfinished Business

None

F. New Business

1. Resolution 2025-29 August expenditures

A resolution to approve City expenditures for August 2025. The expenditures were \$44,122.65 for payroll and claims of \$140,136.14 for a monthly total of \$184,258.79.

Motion by Shears, **Seconded** by Dault to adopt Resolution 2025-29.

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

No-None Absent-None Abstained-None

Motion Carried

2. Resolution 2025-30 MDOT Railroad Annual Local Grant

A resolution to approve submitting a grant application to Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Office of Rail for the 2026 Local Grade Crossing Surface Grant Program. It provides 60% state funding with a 40% railroad match for minor improvements such as asphalt repairs and new track installations.

Motion by Becker **Seconded** by Dault to adopt Resolution 2025-30 MDOT Rail Grant.

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

No-None Absent-None Abstained-None

Motion Carried

3. Resolution 2025-31 Transfer ACT 51 funds from Major to Local Streets

A resolution to transfer Act 51 funds from major streets to local streets. The city proposes to transfer \$40,000.00 (+/- 15%) for routine maintenance and structure improvements of the Alley at M37 to the East behind Animal Wellness (mill and asphalt overlay), Swain Street from North to Gibbs (mill ends and asphalt overlay) and various repair and maintenance including striping and sidewalks.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Anuci to adopt Resolution 2025-31.

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

4. North Street Sports Complex Survey/WCPS Lester Street Property
Per the Mayor, it is not yet ready for a vote and should be tabled until next meeting so that more information has been received from the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration).

Motion by Shears, **Seconded** by Becker to table the North Street/Lester Street property discussion until next regular meeting.

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

5. Dam Direction/Action or Discussion

Mayor Miller requested a motion to hire Wade Trim to complete and begin Phase One of WC Dam, Scoping, including all items in the presentation (Comprehensive Schedule, Alternative Analysis, Outside Funding Opportunities, Probable Estimates of Cost).

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Anuci to hire Wade Trim for Phase One of White Cloud Dam to include full scope of proposal in the amount of \$55,000.00.

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

G. Correspondence

1. Police Department report
2. DPW report
3. Zoning report
4. Treasurer report/CM Memo
5. River Country Chamber verbal

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H. Public Comment

None

I. Council Member Comments

Anuci, Shears, Miller, Murchison

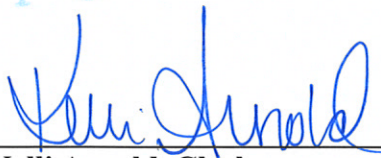
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J. Adjournment

Adjourn the meeting at 7:08.



Brian J. Miller, Mayor



Kelli Arnold, Clerk
Approved on 10.07.2025