



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

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Minutes for October 7, 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.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Damon Anuci, Amy Barnhard, Herm Becker, Brian Miller, Jeffrey Murchison, Lori Shears

Members Absent: Candice Dault

Staff Present: April Storms, Kelli Arnold

Guests: Charles Chandler, Erin & Ed Canning, Chris & Wendy Hanna, Pam Miller

Via Zoom: Samsung SM-AO3, i-Phone, Nicole Woodard

1. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda for Tuesday, October 7, 2025, with amendment to add New Business, item #8 Resolution 2025-33 with the Ballfield Purchase Agreement, item #9 City Manager remote work, and item #10, Council receive Planning Commission packets.

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Anuci to approve the agenda with requested amendments.

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

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Murchison

B. Reserved Time

None

C. Public Comment

Pam Miller, Chris Hanna

Received

D. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2025.

The council was presented a draft of the regular meeting minutes for September 2, 2025.

Motion by Anuci, **Seconded** by Murchison to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 2, 2025.

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

E. Unfinished Business

None

F. New Business

1. Resolution 2025-32 September expenditures

A resolution to approve City expenditures for September 2025. The expenditures were \$38,603.84 for payroll and claims of \$90,221.59 for a monthly total of \$128,825.43.

Motion by Barnhard, **Seconded** by Shears to adopt Resolution 2025-32.

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

No-None Absent-Dault Abstained-None

Motion Carried

2. Sewer Board resignation

Council members received a resignation from Damon Anuci as the alternate on the White Cloud Sherman Utility Board, term ending 6/30/2026. His schedule no longer allows him time to attend the meetings.

Motion by Shears, **Seconded** by Becker to accept the resignation of Damon Anuci for WCSUA board.

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

Motion Carried

3. Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Membership

A request from the City Clerk to the City Council to lower the number of ZBA members from five (5) to 3 (three) as allowed by Zoning Ordinances, Chapter 17, Section 17.01 (A).

Motion by Anuci, **Seconded** by Shears to reduce the Zoning Board of Appeals from five members to three.

Discussion of Council members resulted in us looking for more members. The ordinance allows for one (1) council member and one (1) planning commission member of the ZBA and by reducing it to a three (3) member board majority of members would be affiliated with governing body. Becker requested time to recruit members before reducing the number of members.

Motion by Anuci, **Seconded** by Shears to withdraw the motion and table the motion to the next City Council meeting.

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

Motion Carried

4. Special Events Application for Fall Festival & Street Dance

An application has been received to host a Fall Festival & Street Dance on October 18th from 3 pm to 8 pm. The event will include a live band, vendors, chili & soup cookoff to support Ax Arcade & Gaming Youth Center. The Pine Cone will host a bounce house. The application states a special food permit will be obtained for a caramel apple bar, hot cocoa bar & the chili/soup cook-off.

Motion by Barnhard, **Seconded** by Becker to approve the Special Events Application for a Fall Festival & Street dance.

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

Motion Carried

5. Special Events Application for Halloween Hollow & fee waiver

An application has been received to host Halloween Hollow Trunk or Treat on October 31st from 3:00-7:00 at the WC County Campground. Event will include car line up for Trunk or Treat from 3:30-4:15 followed by costume contest at 4:30 if there are enough volunteers, and Trunk or Treat from 5:00-6:30 pm.

A special event request form for use of the park through Newaygo County Parks was approved earlier in the day at Newaygo County Parks meeting.

Motion by Anuci **Seconded** by Barnhard to approve the Halloween Hollow application and waive the fee.

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

Motion Carried

6. Application to Library Board

An application for appointment to the WC Community Library Board to fill the vacant seat (left by the passing of Christine Tiernan) was turned in by Mark Huff, a local Pastor who also lives in the city. Christine's term goes through 6/30/2027.

Motion by Shears **Seconded** by Barnhard to appoint Mark Huff as a City of White Cloud representative to the White Cloud Community Library Board for the remainder of the term ending June 30, 2027.

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

7. City Parks & Rec Board

The City Parks & Rec board is not a mandated board; it has not met in over 8 months and there is no need for the board at this time with the North Street ball fields in the process of being owned by WC Public Schools, the city no longer offering swimming lessons, and no new business to take to an advisory board. The City Manager requested that board be dissolved and if the need arises in the future, it can be re-created.

Motion by Becker **Seconded** by Anuci to dissolve the City Parks & Rec Board.

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

8. Resolution 2025-33 and WCPS Ballfield Purchase Agreement

A resolution to approve a land exchange agreement between the City of White Cloud and the White Cloud Public School District. Identified as part of Parcel # 62-11-31-400-002 (school district property, approximately 10.16 acres) in exchange for part of Parcel # 62-11-32-300-070 (City property, approximately 13.17 acres) consisting of the North Street Sports Complex.

Motion by Shears **Seconded** by Barnhard to adopt Resolution 2025-33.

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

No-None Absent-Dault Abstained-Murchison

Motion Carried

9. City Manager Flexible Remote hours

The City Manager is requesting consideration to be allowed one (1) flexible, partial remote workday per week. With the current ongoing litigation, extensive documentation requests, outstanding bank reconciliations, audit, finance and grant reporting, there are many interruptions in the office.

Motion by Shears **Seconded** by Becker to allow April Storms to work a partial remote workday per week.

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

Motion Carried

10. Council members to receive Planning Commission packets during Zoning rewrite

The Mayor requests that all Council members receive a copy of the Planning Commission packet during the Zoning Ordinance rewrite.

Motion by Anuci **Seconded** by Barnhard for Council members to receive the Planning Commission packets during the Zoning Ordinance rewrite.

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

Motion Carried

G. Correspondence

1. Police Department report
2. DPW report
3. Zoning report
4. City manager/Treasurer Reports

5. River Country Chamber verbal

Received

H. Public Comment

Charles Chandler

Received

I. Council Member Comments

None

J. Adjournment

Adjourn the meeting at 6:47 pm.

Motion by Shears **Seconded** by Becker to adjourn the council meeting.

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



Brian J. Miller, Mayor



Kelli Arnold, Clerk
Approved on 11-4-25

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