



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

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Minutes for March 3, 2026, 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 6:01 p.m.

1. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: April Storms, Kelli Arnold, Jon Patterson, Adam Hoover

Guests: Rich Dault, Mike McDowell, Kay Scott, Adam Chiles, Marva Shears

Via Zoom: Michael (unknown last name)

2. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda for Tuesday, March 3, 2026. Miller requested amendment to move New Business item #11 to #13 and add New Business item #11, Alternate to sewer board, item #12, Special Events Application/Fee Waiver Request and item #13, City Manager Review.

Motion by Dault, **Second** by Anuci to approve the agenda with the requested amendments.

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

3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Murchison

B. Reserved Time

None

C. Public Comment

None

D. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2026.

The council members were presented with a draft of the regular meeting minutes February 3, 2026.

Motion by Barnhard, **Second** by Anuci to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 3, 2026.

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

E. Unfinished Business

None

F. New Business

1. Resolution 2026-09 February expenditures

A resolution to approve City expenditures for February 2026. The expenditure for pay were \$42,405.67 and payable claims of \$68,813.51 for a monthly total of \$111,219.18.

Motion by Dault, **Second** by Barnhard to adopt Resolution 2026-09.

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

No-None Absent-None Abstained-None

Motion Carried

2. Resolution 2026-10 MEDC Grant Application

A resolution to approve submitting a grant application to Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

Motion by Murchison, **Second** by Dault to adopt Resolution 2026-10.

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

No-None Absent-None Abstained-None

Motion Carried

3. Resolution 2026-11 Street Add Certification- Reclassification

A resolution to approve reclassification for Washington Street and Washington Court in the Industrial Park/Airport Acres from local to major within the White Cloud Street System for the purpose of obtaining funds under Act 51, P.A 1951.

Motion by Dault, **Second** by Anuci to adopt Resolution 2026-11.

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

Motion Carried

4. Resignation letter from Candice Dault

A resignation letter to City Council giving notice of resignation from the City Council, White Cloud Sherman Sewer Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Personnel Committee effective March 15, 2026, due to relocating to Texas.

Motion by Shears, **Second** by Anuci to accept the resignation letter from Candice Dault.

Vote: Ayes- (6) **No-** (1) Barnhard **Absent-None Abstained-None**

Motion Carried

5. Resignation letter from Richard Dault

A resignation letter to City Council giving notice of resignation from the Tax Board of Review, Planning Commission and the Marijuana Board effective March 15, 2026, due to relocating to Texas.

Motion by Becker, **Second** by Anuci to accept the resignation letter from Richard Dault.

Vote: Ayes-(6) **No-** (1) Barnhard **Absent-None Abstained-None**

Motion Carried

6. City Council vacant seat letter of interest

Katherine Scott submitted a letter of interest to fill the City Council vacant seat when Candice Dault vacates her seat, March 15th. Mayor Miller would like to nominate Kay Scott to fill the position as of March 16, 2026.

Becker questioned whether Council is doing this too early and if correct form was filled out.

A letter of interest or Board Commission application is allowed.

Clerk Arnold stated the term would be to the November election.

Motion by Becker, **Second** by Barnhard to approve the mayor nomination of Katherine Scott to fill the vacant seat beginning March 16 following Candice Dault's resignation March 15.

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

Motion Carried

7. Kid's Free Fishing

Council members received a memo from Lori Shears requesting individual proclamations for Donna Nichols, Deb Tanis, Diane Patrick and Annette Gilbert for their integrity, countless volunteer hour's, support and ensuring success, during the 42-years longevity of the Russ Gilbert Kids Free Fishing event.

Mayor Miller recommended Council consider the approval of the recognition and the proclamations given to the family at the final event on June 6, 2026.

Storms requested clarification whether Council would be approving the recognition before distributing.

Mayor Miller would like this on April agenda.

Received

8. Proclamation 2026-01 Recognition

Mayor Miller presented Candice Dault with Proclamation 2026-01, honoring her exemplary service to the City of White Cloud having served on Zoning Board of Appeals, Water Committee, Sewer Authority, Zoning Board of Appeals and City Council.

Received

9. Proclamation 2026-02 Recognition

Mayor Miller presented Richard Dault with Proclamation 2026-02, honoring his service to the City of White Cloud having served on Planning Commission, Tax Board of Review, and Marihuana Board.

Received

10. Police Department policies/procedures

Chief Patterson shared the New White Cloud Police Department Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). The policies have been vetted by an attorney and are the same SOPs used in the City of Grant.

City Council members discussed and would like to postpone approval until after review by the Personnel Committee.

11. White Cloud Sherman Utility Sewer board

With the resignation of Candice Dault from the Sewer Board, there will be a vacant seat that will need to be filled; a sewer board alternate seat also needs to be filled.

Herm Becker volunteered to fill in as an alternate on the interim until a regular appointee could be found.

Motion by Miller, **Second** by Shears to approve the appointment of Herm Becker as an alternate to White Cloud Sherman Utilities Sewer Board.

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

Motion Carried

12. Special Event Application and fee waiver request

Mr. McDowell was in attendance to share with the Council what his organization focuses on and a special events application for an easter egg hunt they would like to host at Rotary Park on April 4th from noon - 4:00 pm. The organization is non-profit therefore qualify for the fee waiver.

Motion by Anuci, **Second** by Dault to approve the event application and waive the park fee and application fee.

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

Motion Carried

13. City Manager review

City Manager Storms chose to do her annual review in open session.

Storms shared her professional development achievements, including completing leadership cohort and attaining essential certification for Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC). Council Members expressed appreciation for her work and growth throughout the past year. Goals for the next year include continuing flextime/work-life balance, fully transition Samantha to the treasurer position, complete RRC certification, wrap up the Smith Park project, lead/copper water project and potentially start housing development project for the acreage acquired from the school on Lester and/or Weiner Street property. **Received**

G. Correspondence

1. Police Department Report
3. DPW report
3. Zoning report
4. City Manager/Treasurer Report
5. River Country Chamber verbal
6. WCSUA board packet
7. Miscellaneous

Received

H. Public Comment

Marva Shears -Father's Day Fly-In

I. Council Member Comments

Barnhard, Becker, Shears, Miller

Received

J. Adjournment

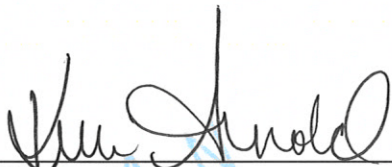
Adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Motion by Becker, **Second** by Dault to adjourn the council meeting.

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

Motion Carried


Brian J. Miller, Mayor


Kelli Arnold, Clerk
Approved on 4-7-20