



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

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**Minutes for May 7, 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, Amy Barnhard, Herm Becker, Jeff Murchison, Candice Dault, Lori Shears, Brian Miller

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** City Manager Storms, CEDAM Fellow Stafford, Clerk Arnold

**Guest sign-in:** Ed Canning, Rich Dault, Marva Shears, Del Kirkby, Adam Chiles, Danielle Robinson, Ryan Robinson

**Via Zoom:** Joanne Chandler

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Approval of the agenda for May 7, 2024, as presented.

**Motion** by Dault, **Seconded** by Anuci to approve the agenda as presented.

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

**3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Murchison.

**B. Public Hearing**

Public hearing to review the Fire Services special assessment roll and to hear and consider any objections to the Roll.

**1. Call to Order Public Hearing**

**Motion** by Dault, **Seconded** by Shears to open the Public Hearing

**Ayes:** All

**2. Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Fire Protection Services Special Assessment Roll**

The City of White Cloud has estimated the total amount to be assessed for the Assessment Period at \$47,839.19, i.e., 1.77 mills of the taxable value of all taxable real property included in the special assessment district.

**3. Public Comment**

None

**4. Close Public Hearing at 6:04 pm**

**Motion** by Dault, **Seconded** by Anuci to close the Public Hearing

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

**C. Reserved Time**

**1. Del Kirkby – MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation)**

To discuss community interest in re-marking M-37; North of Wilcox on the southbound west side of M-37. The scheme for that would allow for on-street parking on the south bound side of 37. The shoulder would become 8' wide allowing for parking, it would reduce the lanes from their current 12' to 11 ½' southbound lane, 11' center turn lane and, 11' northbound lane.

2. Ed Canning – Debt Bond Proposal

To discuss the August 6, 2024, election where voters will have the opportunity to consider a bond proposal that would result in \$28.4 million district-wide facility improvements. The bond is currently set to expire in 2035 at 9.5 mills; The proposal would extend that debt 30 years. The improvements if approved by the voters would include senior, junior and elementary schools, bus garage, changes at current football stadium and a softball/baseball sports complex at former Jack D Jones elementary site.

3. Chadwick Walenga – Summer Reading Program

To discuss White Cloud Community Library Summer Reading Program 2024, Pop-Up Libraries and Book Clubs. Reading program signups will be June 3-7 and the program itself will be June 10-August 9. The library will host five (5) pop-up libraries throughout the 260 sq. miles in the county.

**D. Public Comment**

C. Hult, D. Hult, A. Mercer

**Received**

**E. Approval of Minutes**

1. Approval of the Regular City Council meeting minutes from April 2, 2024.

**Motion** by Becker, **Seconded** by Dault to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 2, 2024.

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

2. Approval of the Budget Workshop meeting minutes from April 2, 2024.

**Motion** by Becker, **Seconded** by Shears to approve the budget workshop meeting minutes of April 2, 2024.

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

**F. Unfinished Business**

None

**G. New Business**

1. Resolution 2024-20 April expenditures

A resolution to approve city expenditures for April 2024 in the amount of \$127,162.24.

**Motion** by Anuci, **Seconded** by Dault to adopt Resolution 2024-20.

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

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

2. Resolution 2024-21 Establish Funding Level of 1.77 mills for FY 24/25

A resolution establishing funding level of 1.77 mills for the White Cloud Area District Fire for fiscal year 2024/2025.

**Motion** by Dault, **Seconded** by Barnhard to adopt Resolution 2024-21.

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

3. Resolution 2024-22 Fire Assessment in Proportion to Benefits Received

A resolution determining assessments are in proportion to benefits received, confirming special assessment roll, establishing lien and providing for the payment and collection of special assessments.

**Motion** by Shears **Seconded** by Dault to adopt Resolution 2024-22.

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

**Motion Carried**

4. Resolution 2024-23 Setting FY 2024/2025 Budget Public Hearing

A resolution to approve setting the date of a public hearing for the proposed fiscal year 2024/2025 budget for June 4, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

**Motion** by Murchison, **Seconded** by Dault to adopt Resolution 2024-23.

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

**Motion Carried**

5. Special Events application for Russ Gilbert Kid's Free Fishing/ Fee Waiver

An event application to host Russell Gilbert Memorial Kid's Free Fishing on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 pm at Mill Pond/Rotary Park.

**Motion** by Becker **Seconded** by Shears to approve the event application and waive the fee.

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

**Motion Carried**

6. Resolution 2024-24 Close Park

A resolution to close the portion of Lake White Cloud City Park within fifty foot of water's edge from Friday, May 31 through Saturday, June 1 when Kid's Free Fishing begins.

**Motion** by Becker, **Seconded** by Dault to adopt Resolution 2024-24

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

**Motion Carried**

7. Resolution 2024-25 Delinquent water accounts to 2024 summer taxes

A resolution to add delinquent water bills to 2024 summer taxes.

**Motion** by Anuci, **Seconded** by Dault to adopt Resolution 2024-25.

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

**No-None Absent-None Abstained-None**

**Motion Carried**

8. Special Events application for Memorial Day Parade/Fee Waiver

An application and fee waiver request from Lee Sconyers, VFW Commander for a Memorial Day Parade on May 27<sup>th</sup> going from the corner of Williams Street/Wilcox to White Cloud Cemetery.

**Motion** by Dault **Seconded** by Becker to approve the application and waive the fee for the Memorial Day Parade.

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

**Motion Carried**

9. Resolution 2024-26 MDOT Shared Streets and Spaces Grant

A resolution to approve submitting a grant application to MDOT (SSSG) Shared Streets and Spaces Grant for a barrier between the beach and the road at Mill Pond Park/beach area.

**Motion** by Anuci **Seconded** by Dault to adopt Resolution 2024-26.

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

**Motion Carried**

10. M-37 Parking Proposal

Council was presented with the estimated cost of performing the pavement marking changes on M-37 (discussed in reserved time by Del Kirkby of MDOT). The total cost of the project is estimated at \$15,204.17.

**Motion** by Murchison, **Seconded** by Dault to move forward with the MDOT parking proposal.

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

11. Bid Recommendation – Airway Water Project

Four bids were received for the Airway Avenue Water Improvements. Fred Myers Excavating & Trucking LLC out of Big Rapids were the lowest bid at \$66,988.32. Recommendation to Council to approve Fred Myers Excavating & Trucking for the Airway water project.

**Motion** by Dault, **Seconded** by Barnhard to accept and approve Fred Myers bid to complete the Airway Avenue water project.

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

12. Resolution 2024-27 Revising Fixed Assets

A Resolution to approve the updated list of Fixed Assets.

**Motion** by Dault **Seconded** by Anuci to adopt Resolution 2024-27.

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

13. SkyFest & Father’s Day Fly-In breakfast – River Country Chamber & City Special Events Application

An application on behalf of River Country Chamber of Commerce and The City of White Cloud to host Sky Fest on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, an event that will offer hot air balloon tethered rides, DJ & live music, a beer tent, vendors and fireworks at dusk. Followed by the Annual Father’s Day Fly-In breakfast on Sunday morning, June 16, from 7:30-11 a.m. All events will be at the airport.

**Motion** by Dault, **Seconded** by Anuci to approve the Special events application for Sky Fest & the Fly-In breakfast.

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

14. WCFD Capital Acquisition Fund Purchase

A request of the WC Area Fire Department board to approve use of capital acquisition funds to purchase a new fire truck. The exact cost is not yet available, the estimate is around \$850,000.00.

**Motion** by Shears, **Seconded** by Dault to approve the WCAFD request.

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

15. Resolution 2024-28 Charter 7.11 Amendment/Ballot language approval

Request by City Manager and Mayor to table this Resolution and hold a special meeting to have the utility attorney present to discuss the proposed ballot language.

16. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with WCPS for North Street Ball fields

A memorandum of understanding that sets the terms between the City and White Cloud Public Schools (WCPS) regarding the maintenance and upkeep of the grounds of the athletic complex on North Street. (Commonly referred to as “John Graves-North Street Ballfields).

**Motion** by Dault, **Seconded** by Anuci to approve the MOU between the City of White Cloud and White Cloud Public Schools.

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

17. Memorandum of Understanding with White Cloud Little League for North Street Ball fields  
A memorandum of understanding that sets the terms between the City and White Cloud Little League regarding the maintenance and upkeep of the grounds of the athletic complex on North Street. (Commonly referred to as “John Graves-North Street Ballfields).

**Motion** by Shears, **Seconded** by Dault to approve the MOU between the City of White Cloud and White Cloud Little League.

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

**Motion Carried**

18. School Resource Officer Agreement (2024/2025 School Year)

An agreement for the School Resource Officer (SRO) at White Cloud Public Schools between WCPS and the City for 2024-2025.

**Motion** by Dault, **Seconded** by Anuci to approve the SRO agreement between WCPS and the City of WC.

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

**No-None Absent-None Abstained-None**

**Motion Carried**

19. Proclamation 2024-01

A proclamation of appreciation for Andrew Stafford who has served the city as a Fellow of the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan since 2023.

20. Resolution 2024-29 M-DOT Airport Signature

A resolution allowing the City Manager to execute airport contracts with the State of Michigan Department of Transportation, Office of Aeronautics on behalf of the White Cloud Airport.

**Motion** by Shears, **Seconded** by Anuci to adopt Resolution 2024-29.

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

**Motion Carried**

**H. Correspondence**

1. Police Department report
2. DPW report
3. CEDAM Fellow report
4. Zoning report
5. City Manager report/Treasurer report
6. River Country Chamber of Commerce update
7. WCSUA Board Packet
8. Miscellaneous

**Received**

**I. Public Comment**

C. Hult, R. Robinson, D. Hult, D. Robinson, A. Stafford

**Received**

**J. Council Member Comments**

Becker

**Received**

**K. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Miller at 7:27 p.m.

  
Brian J. Miller, Mayor

  
Kelli Arnold, Clerk Approved on 6. 4. 2024