



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
12 N. Charles Street
White Cloud, MI 49349
Minutes for October 22, 2024

A. Meeting Called to Order

The Special Meeting of the White Cloud City Council was held on the above date. Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 4:00 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: City Manager-April Storms, Clerk-Kelli Arnold, Deputy Clerk-Makayla Brandt

Guest Sign-in: Kay Scott, Leroy Stratton, Rich Dault, Joanne Chandler, Annette Christenson

2. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the Agenda for the Special Meeting October 22, 2024.

Motion by Becker, **Supported** by Anuci to approve the special meeting agenda for October 22, 2024

Vote: Ayes-All Nays- None Absent- None

Motion Carried

3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Murchison

B. New Business

1. White Cloud/Sherman Utilities Authority / City of White Cloud Ballot Proposal Language Information

Informational meeting to help the public understand the ballot language and the reason it is on the ballot.

Background information that has led to the proposal being on the ballot: In 2020, White Cloud Sherman Utility Authority (WCSUA) took out a new bond for several infrastructure needs. As part of the new bond requirement through the USDA, the sewer authority was to own the assets and have a service contract with the City of White Cloud. City Council by way of Resolution [2019-03](#), voted to approve and authorize execution and delivery of conveyance documents for conveyance of the assets of the Newaygo County Sanitary Sewer System No. 2 Sewer System and matters related thereto.

Through the years, it has been discovered that the White Cloud City Code of Ordinance has a provision in Chapter 7, Section 7.11 Disposal of Utility Plants and Property

Unless approved by a three-fourths majority vote of the electors voting thereon at a regular or special election the city shall not sell, exchange, lease or in any way dispose of any property, easement, equipment, privilege or asset belonging to and appertaining to any municipally owned utility. All contracts, negotiations, licenses, grants, leases or other forms of transfer in violation of this section shall be void and of no effect as against the city. The restrictions of this section shall not apply to the sale or exchange of any articles of machinery or equipment of any city

owned utility which are worn out or useless or which have been or could with advantage to the service be replaced by new and improved machinery or equipment.

Due to the provision in the Ordinances/Charter, it is necessary for the electors of the city to vote on whether to convey or not. The proposal on the November 5, 2024, ballot will read: *Shall the City of White Cloud be authorized to convey the City of White Cloud Sewer System to the White Cloud Sherman Utilities Authority?*

C. Public Comment

Leroy Stratton
Kay Scott
Joanne Chandler

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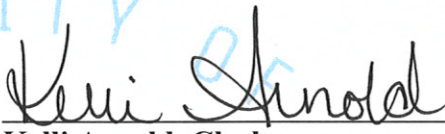
D. Adjournment

Motion by Dault **Supported** by Becker to adjourn the special meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Vote: Ayes-All Nays- None Absent-None Abstained: None **Motion Carried**



Brian J. Miller, Mayor



Kelli Arnold, Clerk
Approved on 11.12.24

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