



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

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Minutes for November 12, 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, Herm Becker, Brian Miller, Lori Shears, Candice Dault, Jeff Murchison, Amy Barnhard

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Storms, Clerk Arnold

Guest sign-in: Marva Shears, Rich Dault, Kay Scott, Dennis Hult

Via Zoom: Luc Delavoye, John Kenna

2. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda with additional New Business, item #12, Community Garden water usage added by Mayor Miller.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Anuci to approve the agenda with the addition of item 12 to New Business..

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

Kay Scott, Dennis Hult, Marva Shears

Comments Received

D. Approval of Minutes

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

Motion by Shears, **Seconded** by Dault to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 1, 2024 as presented.

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

2. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2024

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Dault to approve the special meeting minutes of October 22, 2024 as presented.

E. Unfinished Business

None

F. New Business

1. Resolution 2024-49 October expenditures

A resolution to approve the October expenditures for payroll & claims in the amount of \$191,995.08.

Motion by Dault **Seconded** by Anuci to adopt Resolution 2024-49.

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

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

2. Resolution 2024-50 Master Plan distribution

A resolution to approve distribution of the updated Master Plan to Newaygo County Board of Commissioners, Wilcox Township, Everett Township, Lincoln Township and Sherman Township.

Motion by Dault **Seconded** by Shears to adopt Resolution 2024-50.

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

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

3. DPW Capital Purchase

A capital purchase from the 640-equipment fund to buy a Gravely PT260 Mower in the amount of \$6,500.00.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Anuci to approve the purchase of the lawn mower from the DPW 640 equipment fund.

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

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

4. Employment agreement

Employment agreement between the City of White Cloud & Scott Baas for the Zoning Administrator position.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Shears to approve the amended employment agreement with a name change and “2024” added to the agreement date.

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

5. Special Events Application & fee waiver: Christmas event

A special events application to host WC Christmas Event on December 14th from 11 am- 3 pm in the downtown (Wilcox Avenue) area.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Barnhard to approve the Christmas event application and waive the permit fee.

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

6. Special Events Application & fee waiver: WC Class of 2025 Senior “Cruze”

A special events application for the Class of 2025 to do their annual senior “Cruze” throughout city streets beginning at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 19, 2025.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Anuci to approve the events application and waive the permit application fee.

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

7. Personnel Committee Recommendations

a. The Personnel Committee met on October 24th; the following are recommendations from the Committee for Council to approve:

A \$4.00 per hour stipend retro to October 2, 2024, for the interim Police Chief position.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Anuci to approve the Personnel Committee recommendation of a \$4.00 per hour retroactive stipend for the interim Police Chief due to additional responsibilities.

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

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

Motion Carried

- b. Create a Sergeant position in the Police Department; The position if approved is a certified position that must pass Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES). The recommendation for the Sergeant includes a \$1.00 per hour in addition to the full-time police officer rate.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Shears to create the Sergeant position and approve a \$1.00 per hour increase of the current full-time officer rate for the Sergeant position.

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

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

Motion Carried

8. Committee & Board member expirations/re-appoint

Planning Commission: Anthony Johnson for a 3-year term through 12/31/2027. *(The mayor stated 2 years, it is a 3-year term)*

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Becker to appoint Anthony Johnson to another term of the Planning Commission.

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

Motion Carried

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA): Leroy Stratton and James LaBelle are both interested in retaining their seat for a 3-year term. *(The mayor stated 2 years, it is a 3-year term)*

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Shears to appoint Leroy Stratton & James LaBelle to another term of the ZBA.

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

Motion Carried

Marihuana License Board: Chad Fetterley is interested in retaining his seat on the board for another 2 years.

Motion by Murchison, **Seconded** by Dault to appoint Chad Fetterley to another term of the Marihuana License Board.

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

Motion Carried

Compensation Committee: Christine Tiernan would like to retain her position for a 5-year term.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Becker to appoint Chris Tiernan to the Compensation Committee.

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

Motion Carried

9. TextMyGov Proposal

Luc Delavoye and John Kenna were available via Zoom to answer Council questions regarding the TextMyGov proposal that was introduced at last month's meeting. TextMyGov allows citizens to find information using smart texting solutions. The city would send out notifications/alerts as a text message to citizens who choose to sign up for the notifications. The cost breakdown for a three-year term is first year total of \$4,000.00, recurring years at \$3,000.00 annually.

Motion by Shears, **Seconded** by Dault to proceed and allocate funds for the TextMyGov notification system.

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

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

Motion Carried

10. Dam bridge: State Street/Silver Drive

GEI Consultants updated their recommendation for the bridge. The recommendation is for two (2) 1-inch road plates to span the bridge (ideally 10-feet long) along with asphalt patch to ramp up/down from the plate.

City Manager would like to submit an amendment to our current grant for Dam safety. Seeking a motion from Council to allow City Manager to amend the EGLE Dam Risk Reduction Grant (Round 2) to include the expenses as part of the dam safety project and if/upon approval, move forward with ordering the plates. If no approval, will come back to the Council.

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Dault to allow City Manager to amend the EGLE Dam Risk Reduction Grant (Round 2) to include the expenses as part of the dam safety project and if/upon approval, move forward with ordering the plates.

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

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

Motion Carried

11. Resolution 2024-52 Authorize Grant Application (retroactive) MEDC/The Right Place

A resolution to approve submittal of a grant application to the Right Place, Inc. for \$7,500.00 reimbursement for Site Readiness Infrastructure in the White Cloud Industrial Park.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Shears to adopt Resolution 2024-52.

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

Motion Carried

12. Community Garden Water usage

Steve DeHaan of the White Cloud Healthy Sprouts community garden reached out to the city in regard to the water bill they received for \$1,241.00. The request is for a discount on water usage or other payment arrangement that can be made as the dollar amount of the bill caught them off guard. The billing period was July 9-October 4, 2024.

Motion by Shears, **Seconded** by Dault to postpone the discussion to the December meeting so that Candice Dault can bring information from a previous time when there was a Community Garden in White Cloud.

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

Motion Carried

G. Correspondence

1. Police Department report
2. DPW report
3. Planning/Zoning report
4. City Manager report/Treasurer report/CM Memo
6. River Country Chamber of Commerce verbal update
7. WCSUA Board Packet
8. Clerk Memo
9. Miscellaneous

Received

H. Public Comment

Dennis Hult, Marva Shears

Received

I. Council Member Comments

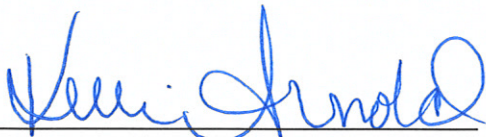
Miller, Dault

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J. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Miller at 7:49 p.m.


Brian J. Miller, Mayor


Kelli Arnold, Clerk
Approved on 12/3/2024

