

Mayor Humphrey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The City Council led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Flanagan, Humphrey, Lijewski, Price, Robertson

Staff Present: City Manager Watson, City Clerk; Amy Fidler, Deputy Clerk; Amber Schroeder

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Council member Lijewski, seconded by Council member Robertson to approve the agenda with the addition of the following discussion items; status of empty lot on Whittaker Street and add a new policy for boards and commissions expiring terms:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Price to approve the consent agenda:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Price, Humphrey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Public Comment:

Debbie Schmidt

Presentation- 2024 Fiscal Year Audit: Lauren Chatterton from Gabridge and Company presented the 2024 Fiscal Year audit to the council.

New Business

Special Event Application – Le Tour de Shore: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Price to approve the Le Tour de Shore Special Event Application for the use of Lion’s Pavilion Park on June 15, 2024, from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Lijewski, Robertson, Humphrey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Decertification of a portion of Thompson Street (Act 51 Map): Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve the resolution to decertify a portion of Thompson Street:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Flanagan, Price, Humphrey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Recognition of Non-Profit Status for Charitable Gaming License: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council Member Lijewski to deny recognizing the New Buffalo Yacht Club as a local non-profit within the City of New Buffalo:

After discussion of Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski rescinded the previous motion, and made the following motion:

Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to table recognizing the New Buffalo Yacht Club as a local non-profit withing the City of New Buffalo:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Price, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Board Appointment – Zoning Board of Appeals: Motion by Council Member Robertson, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the recommended appointment Chad Barclay to the Zoning Board of Appeals with term ending May 2026:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Fourth of July Fireworks Agreement: Motion by Council member Lijewski, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve awarding the Fourth of July fireworks display contract to R & R Pyrotechnics of Bridgman, MI in the amount of \$18,000:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Humphrey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Oselka Park Lease Agreement: Motion by Council member Lijewski, seconded by Council member Flanagan to table the lease agreement with the New Buffalo Recreation Authority for the softball field at Oselka Park, subject to any non-material modifications approved by the City Manager, as to content, and the City Attorney, as to form, in the event NBARA wants any revisions:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Price, Humphrey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Beach Lot/Boat Launch Parking Lot Repairs and Restriping: Motion by Council Member Price, seconded by Council member Robertson to approve the work at the beach and boat launch lots in the amount of \$29,750:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Price, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Purchase of Parks Department Equipment: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the purchase of a Polaris Ranger SP 570 Premium All-Terrain Vehicle for the Parks Department in the amount of \$14,234.50 from Zeigler Motorsports:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Humphrey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Purchase of Streets Department Equipment: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Price to approve the purchase of a front plow from Weaver Outdoors in the amount of \$8,913.10:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Carried, 5-0.

USDA Rural Business Development Grant: Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Price to approve the submittal of the USDA Rural Business Development Grant for the South Whittaker Parking project:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Price, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Beach Concession Award: Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve entering into an agreement for beach concessions with Kona Dunes Leasing, Inc. for 2024 and 2025 seasons:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Humphrey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Carried, 5-0.

USACE Permit Tribal Tasks Bid Recommendation: Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve awarding the Whittaker Street Shoreline Tribal Review to ORBIS, J. Ryan Duddleson and KYK9 Search Dogs for a combined contract amount of \$14,487:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Price, Humphrey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Ordinance to Repeal Article 13 of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances and to amend Article I of Chapter 7, and Article II of Chapter 14 – Second Reading: Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve the second reading of the ordinance to repeal Article 13 of Chapter 2 and amend Chapters 7 and article II of Chapter 14 of the City's Code of Ordinances:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 5-17 of the Code of Ordinances – First Reading: Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Price to approve the first reading to amend Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 5-17 of the Code of Ordinances:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Humphrey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Discussions

The City Council had brief discussions on the status of the empty lot on Whittaker Street and adding a new policy on how to handle boards and commission expiring terms.

Adjournment: Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve adjourning the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Price, Humphrey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Carried, 5-0.

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John Humphrey, Mayor

Ann M. Fidler, City Clerk