

Mayor Humphrey called the meeting to order at 6:25 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 Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the agenda:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

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

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Price, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Public Comment:

Ron Watson

Linda Martinez

Lora Freehling, Register of Deeds

Jim Howe

Wayne Borg

Louise Valentin

Ed Oldis

Karen Shoemaker

Diane Pyshos

Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2024-25 Truth-In Taxation

Mayor Humphrey opened the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Truth-In Taxation at 7:02 p.m.

City Manager Watson presented the 2024-25 Truth-In Taxation to the City council.

Public Comment: None

**Mayor Humphrey closed the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Truth-In Taxation at 7:07 p.m.
Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget**

Mayor Humphrey opened the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget at 7:07 p.m.

City Manager Watson presented the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget to the City Council.

Public Comment: None

Mayor Humphrey closed the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget at 7:22 p.m.

Unfinished Business

Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Price to untable the Purchase of tables for Oselka Park:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Lijewski, Robertson, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Purchase of Tables for Oselka Park: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the purchase of picnic tables for Oselka Park:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Flanagan, Price, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

New Business

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Millage Rates: Motion by Council member Price, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve the City Council establishes the requested millage rates of:

9.5151 General Operating

.4279 Parks (voted)

.2325 Streets/Roads (voted) for the City of New Buffalo for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Price, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Budget: Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council Member Price to approve the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Special Event Application – New Buffalo Explored (NBX): Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Price to approve the Special Event Application for New Buffalo Convention & Visitors Bureau – New Buffalo Explored (NBX) presents Minor Moon Concert at the New Buffalo Marina:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Humphrey

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Special Use Permit Amendment & Site Plan – 11 W. Merchant Street (Brewster’s): Motion by Council Member Lijewski, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve the Special Use Permit amendment and Site Plan for outdoor seating at 11 W. Merchant:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Price, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Site Plan Approval – 16 N. Smith: Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the site plan for 16 N. Smith:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Price, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Resolution of Support – Great Lakes Coalition: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Price to approve the Resolution of Support for the initiatives of the Great Lakes Coalition (GLC):

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Special Event Application – Southwest Michigan Symphony “Pop-Up Concert”: Motion by Council Member Price, seconded by Council member Robertson to approve the Special Event Application for the Southwest Michigan Symphony “Pop-Up Concert” at Lion’s Park Pavilion:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Engineering Services – Pedestrian Bridge: Motion by Council Member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Price to approve the proposal for engineering, regulatory, and construction administration services for the Galien River Pedestrian Bridge Project in the amount of \$268,300:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Price, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Discussions: The City Council had a brief discussion regarding Tacos My Fren Food Truck. Also, the council was given an update on the Waterfront Project.

Adjournment: Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve adjourning the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Voice Vote, Motion Carried.

John Humphrey, Mayor

Ann M. Fidler, City Clerk