

**Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:** Council member Flanagan, O'Donnell, Robertson, Lijewski, Mayor Humphrey

**Staff Present:** City Manager, Darwin Watson; City Clerk, Amy Fidler; Deputy Clerk, Nancy Griffin

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Robertson, seconded by Flanagan to approve the agenda:

Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Motion by O'Donnell, seconded by Humphrey to approve the consent agenda with removing the special City Council meeting minutes on August 31, 2021:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: O'Donnell, Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

**Approval of Special City Council Meeting Minutes August 31, 2021:** Motion by Flanagan, seconded by Lijewski to approve the August 31, 2021 special city council meeting minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED: O'Donnell

Motion Carried, 4-0.

**Public Comment:**

Mary Rose Denton

Jess Bryar

Deb Kennedy

Sharon Kelly

Diane Pyshos

Steve Jones

Bart Goldberg

Pete Weber

John Bricker

Julie Barr

Donna Messinger

James Kramer

Adam Tynowski

Bill Conway

Ryan Nofziger

**New Business**

- a. **New Buffalo Recreational Authority Appointees:** Motion by Flanagan, seconded by Lijewski to approve the recommended appointments of Jack Kennedy and City Manager, Darwin Watson to represent the City of New Buffalo on the New Buffalo Area Recreation Authority for terms of three (3) years each:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, O'Donnell, Lijewski, Robertson, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

- b. **Water Plant Intake Cleaning:** Motion by Flanagan, seconded by O'Donnell to approve payment to L&M Fab Tech for inspection and cleaning of water plant intake in the amount of \$17,400:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Flanagan, O'Donnell, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

- c. **Zoning Ordinance Review and Update – Community Engagement Services:** Motion by Flanagan, seconded by Lijewski to approve the zoning ordinance review and update - community engagement services from Houseal Lavigne in the amount of \$5,150:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, O'Donnell, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

- d. **Planning Commission Request Resolution:** Motion by O'Donnell, seconded by Robertson to **deny** the resolution going to the Planning Commission and cancel the Special Planning Commission Meeting September 21, 2021:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: O'Donnell

NAYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Failed, 4-1.

**Planning Commission Request Resolution:** Motion by Humphrey, seconded by Flanagan to **approve** resolution to refer a proposed zoning ordinance amendment addressing short-term rentals to the Planning Commission for consideration and comment at its meeting on September 21, 2021:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Robertson, Lijewski, Humphrey

NAYES: O'Donnell

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 4-1.

**e. City of New Buffalo Code of Ordinances Amendment – Chapter 16 (First Reading):** Motion by Humphrey, seconded by Robertson to approve the first reading of amendment to Chapter 16; Section 16-1 of the City of New Buffalo Code of Ordinances - Sewers and Sewage Disposal:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, O'Donnell, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

**f. City of New Buffalo Code of Ordinances Amendment – Chapter 23 (First Reading):** Motion by Robertson, seconded by Lijewski to approve the first reading of amendment to the City of New Buffalo Code of Ordinances – Addition of Chapter 23 (Rental Housing):

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, O'Donnell, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Dan Peterson gave a Pokagon Fund update.

**Council Comments:**

Mayor Humphrey and Councilman O'Donnell made comments expressing their views on short-term rentals.

Mayor Humphrey then addressed misinformation on social media.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Humphrey, seconded by Flanagan to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, O'Donnell, Robertson, Lijewski, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

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**John Humphrey, Mayor**

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**Ann M. Fidler, City Clerk**