

**Mayor Humphrey called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm**

The City Council led the Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call:** Council Members Flanagan, Humphrey, Lijewski, Price, Robertson

**Staff Present:** City Manager Watson, City Clerk; Amy Fidler

**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, Mayor Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Council member Lijewski, seconded by Council member Robertson to approve the Consent agenda:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Price, Mayor Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

**Public Comment:** None

**Public Hearing**

**City of New Buffalo 5-Year Recreation Plan:**

Mayor Humphrey opened the public hearing for 5-Year Recreation Plan at 6:32 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Tony McGhee reviewed the 5-Year Recreation Plan for the City Council.

Mayor Humphrey closed the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

**Condemnation of 11-62-8270-0027-00-0 (812 W. Detroit):**

Mayor Humphrey opened the public hearing for condemnation of 11-62-8270-0027-00-0 (812 W. Detroit) at

6:41 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Attorney John Wojcik represented the owners of 812 W. Detroit Street and spoke on their behalf.

Mayor Humphrey closed the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Humphrey, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve immediate condemnation as of tonight and move forward with eviction process tomorrow morning.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Lijewski, Robertson, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

### **New Business**

**New Buffalo Area Schools Graduation – Special Event Application:** Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve the New Buffalo Area Schools Graduation Special Event Application to take place June 3, 2023, from 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Flanagan, Price, Mayor Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

**St. Mary’s of the Lake Catholic Church Family Festival – Special Event Application:** Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church Family Festival Special Event Application to take place May 25-29, 2023:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Price, Lijewski, Flanagan, Mayor Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

**Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act (Public Act 152 of 2011):** Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Lijewski to adopt the 80/20% cost sharing model for all employee groups (non-union, POLC and AFSCME Union):

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Mayor Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

**Strategic Planning Proposal:** Motion by Council member Robertson seconded by Council member Flanagan to table the Strategic Planning Proposal from Lewis Bender in the amount of \$9,000:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Mayor Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

**City Fee Schedule:** Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the fee adjustments for Zoning Permit and Zoning Board of Appeals Applications to be effective January 18, 2023:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Price, Mayor Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

**5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan:** Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the updated Parks and Recreation Plan:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Price, Flanagan, Mayor Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

**Beach Concession Stand Sunshade Purchase:** Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the purchase and installation of a sunshade at the beach concession building by Penchura in the amount of \$44,440:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Lijewski, Mayor Humphrey

NAYES: Robertson

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 4-1.

**Dune Walk (TJM, Inc.) – Pay Request:** Motion by Council Member Flanagan, seconded by Council Member Lijewski to approve the Final Payment Request for TJM Services, LLC in the amount of \$167,471.14:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Mayor Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

**Amendment to Code of Ordinances Chapter 12 (Dangerous and Uninhabitable Structures) – First Reading:** Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the first reading of the amendment to Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Price, Flanagan, Mayor Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

**Discussion:**

The council had brief discussions regarding the following topics: Public Relations & Messaging and Granicus Review

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

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Mayor Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

January 17, 2023

NEW BUFFALO REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

6:30 p.m.

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**John Humphrey, Mayor**

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**Ann M. Fidler, City Clerk**