

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – AUGUST 16, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on August 16, 2016 in the city council room of the New Germany City Hall. Mayor Van Lith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., those present were: Mayor Van Lith, Councilpersons Ty Turnquist, Shirley Jaeger, and Nick Hartwig, absent was Cathy Ruschmeier. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: David Watts with US Solar, Julie Aarsvold.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: There were no additional comments from the audience.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approval of Agenda. The motion carried, all in favor.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approval of the August 3, 2016 minutes. The motion carried, all in favor.

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Nothing to report.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mayor Van Lith reported they have been attending training in Jordon.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,128,250.41. The CD's total \$47,657.77, the total for all accounts is \$1,175,908.18. Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approving the Treasure report as printed. Motion carried, all in favor.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Turnquist moved and Jaeger second to approve the claims in the amount of \$9,038.77. The motion carried, all in favor.

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: pump inspection completed.

J. 1. David Watts with US Solar was present to discuss solar subscription to their community solar garden. US Solar is a local company that is located by the Twins Stadium. They are doing a Community Solar Garden in the city limits of Winsted according to Watts. Watts explained to the city how a solar subscription works and went through the numbers he had put together for the city of New Germany. There would be no upfront fees and US Solar would bill the City and then the City would see the electric credit on their Xcel energy bill. Watts went through the savings possibilities for the City of New Germany; over 25 years he is forecasting around \$30,000, this is also what Xcel is forecasting off our City electrical use. The Winsted project is looking to be completed in summer of 2017. At this time they have no projects up and operating, no references besides Xcel Energy. They do have a list of Cities, Schools that are doing subscriptions. Council agreed to have Watts submit a contract and provide a list of other Cities that are subscribing and they will look through and consider but not committing at this time.

2. Dave Hubert sent the easement from MN Inboard. They have an agreement with the county and attorney thought they should also have the same with the City. Council discussed and agreed to the easement with MN Inboard. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving the Open Space Conservation Easement with JP New Germany, LLC. The motion carried, all in favor.

3. Council reviewed the Service Agreement for Joint Assessment from Carver County. The fees increased by .50 in each of the three fee schedules. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconds the Service Agreement for Joint Assessment. The motion carried, all in favor.

4. Commander Paul Tschida sent 2017 contract for Police Services. The revised contract omitting the Drug Task Force fee of \$2100, the new 2017 Police contract fee is \$15,529.00, the 2016 rate was \$14,872.00. Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approving the 2017 Contract for Police Services. The motion carried, all in favor.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Plumbing and furnace permit.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Camper has been removed from street; house on Broadway is being finished.

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M. PW REPORT: Van Lith reported the fields are very wet from all the recent rain fall.

N. PARKS REPORT: State Tournament next week, Commercial Club meeting September 26, 2016 7 PM, Dad's Belgian Waffle breakfast October 9, 2016 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Budget Meeting – August 23, 2016 6:30 pm.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Received e mail regarding a children's group using the Hall on September 30 in the case of rain, event is during the daytime hours. Council had no issues with and also suggested Lindstrom Park.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council scheduled the Zoning amendments (Solar & Family Healthcare Dwelling) Public Hearing for September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7 PM with the Council meeting. Council discussed Ordinance No 85 and decided they need to look at the ton and axel wording to get this ordinance corrected the right way, table until next meeting. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second to schedule the Public Hearing for the Solar and Family Healthcare Dwelling opt out amendments on September 6, 2016 at 7 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

2. Turnquist explained to Council how the Sump Pump installation and inspection will work. Turnquist has also supplied labels after inspection is complete. Turnquist, Van Lith and Rick Todd will meet at 6 pm on August 23 to come up with inspection date/information and flyers will be distributed notifying residents to make appointments.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Jaeger moved and Turnquist second to adjourn meeting at 8:10 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, \_\_\_\_\_ Twyla Menth, City Clerk