

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – FEBRUARY 7, 2017

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on February 7, 2017 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, Nick Hartwig, and Cathy Ruschmeier. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Julie Aarsvold, Fire Chief Dan Ruschmeier, People Service Lee Ortloff, and Ken Covey.
- B. CITIZEN COMMENT: There were no additional comments from the audience.
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Add Resolution 2017-04 and Resolution 2017-05 as J3 and J4 to the Agenda. Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded approval of Agenda with addition of J3 and J4. The motion carried, all were in favor.
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the January 17, 2017 minutes. The motion carried, all were in favor.
- E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Nothing to report as of this meeting.
- F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mayor Van Lith reported that the Townships will be attending the February 21 meeting to discuss the 2018 Fire Contract rates. Mayor Van Lith and Chief Ruschmeier went through the 2016 Fire Department Financial report and reported on how they calculate the contract fees for 2018; Mayor Van Lith noted there was a slight decrease in fees for 2018. Fire Chief informed Council that the rescue tool payments are done this year but they are still keeping the same; equipment upgrades will be need for the future. Mayor Van Lith and Chief Ruschmeier continued explaining on the SCBA bottles and backpacks, after 15 years they are obsolete. NFPA will not test equipment after 15 years; the quote for this upgrade is \$133,915.00. Turn out gear has an expected life of about 15 years, they have been trying to order about two each year to keep up; cost is around \$2500 not including the helmet. This should all be worked into the financial management plan commented Turnquist, provide a worksheet for Dan to plan into the FMP for 2018 and forward. They are also researching Thermo imager models, the Fire Dept thermo imager is no longer working. This unit was purchased for about \$12,000; the good news is they have come down in price. They are looking at many different models and promotions, as of now it looks like it could be between \$6 – 8,000 to replace and possible buy one get one free incentive.  
The Relief Association has committed \$5,000 towards the press box/grandstand project and \$1,170.00 for the Henning bill.
- G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,053,808.52, which includes the CD's balance of \$47,918.48. The bank statements and reconciliation were also included in the Treasure report. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, all were in favor.
- H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded to approve the claims in the amount of \$30,684.08. The motion carried, all were in favor.
- I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Lee Ortloff with People Service was present and provided Council the quarterly report. Ortloff also included a report from October 2012 – to present on I & I information that he updated and submits to state. Ortloff informed Council they will be adding Kenny B's to the list of places where they water samples are taken for testing. Ortloff and Council had a discussion on alley and possible issues; Ortloff suggested doing some dye testing. Council thanked Ortloff for attending and the reports.
- J. 1. Bill of Sale has been sent to the attorney but we are waiting for Exhibit A; table until this information comes.
2. If the Council is satisfied with the amount they are receiving for the Solid Waste Grant they would renew the contract with county, if they are not satisfied then they need to make an additional request. The City has decided to drop the fall recycling; in that case the fees that the City receives are sufficient

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enough. Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded to renew the 2018 Solid Waste Contract. The motion carried, all were in favor.

3. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving Resolution 2017-03 A Resolution Transferring Funds for the year end 2016 Fire Department Surplus \$13,529.75 into the Fire Department Building/Truck Capital Fund. The motion carried, all were in favor.

4. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded Resolution 2017-05 A Resolution Approving the LG55 Government Approval or Acknowledgement for Use of Gambling Funds, the funds in the amount of \$360 are to be used for the Website/It Fund. The motion carried, all were in favor.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 720 Black Forest Road, new construction by Loomis homes; they have requested a discount on WAC/SAC fees as they will be building three additional homes in spring of 2017. Apple wood has purchased two lots, private party has purchased one and they are planning to build in 2017. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded they will extend the 25% discount on WAC/SAC fees on two or more homes for 2017. The motion carried, all were in favor.

L. COMPLAINT LOG:

1 Complaint on loud generator running at 340 State Avenue S, noise is waking residents up in middle of night; clerk will check noise ordinance and send letter.

M. PW REPORT: Turnquist mentioned pile of snow is pushing on ball field fence; Council had brief discussion.

N. PARKS REPORT: Commercial Club minutes and Treasure report were submitted.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Van Lith and Council discussed payment option for the Fire Contracts; after discussion they came up with three different payment options for 2018 contracts, this will be offered to both Camden and Hollywood Townships.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Iron Man Competition which is bicycle course, the route will be traveling through New Germany on April 30<sup>th</sup>; they will be sending the map of route.

1. No longer need vacation dates as plans have changed; will continue with taking off at noon on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February.

2. Employee review and the Clerk/Treasure update can all be done in one meeting with the Personnel Committee; meeting will be at 6 PM on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February with Cathy, Ty and Clerk.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Data Privacy Policy draft is back; review at next meeting.

2. Review Clerk/Treasure at employee review meeting.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Turnquist recommends reviewing I & I Ordinance.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:47 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

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