

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – JULY 19, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on July 19, 2016 in the city council room of the New Germany City Hall. Acting Mayor Shirley Jaeger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., those present were: Councilpersons Ty Turnquist, Nick Hartwig, and Cathy Ruschmeier. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Julie Aarsvold, Carolyn Effertz, Tom Mielke and Josh Eckstein with Bolton and Menk.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: Tom Mielke asked that someone please come check his meter/water valve as it is leaking and he does not know if it is a city responsibility or homeowners. Carolyn Effertz was questioning how the land in her area would be zoned if the ordinance was changed.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approval of the July 5, 2016 minutes. The motion carried, all in favor.

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Nothing at this time.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Nothing at this time.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,129,649.80 and the CD's total \$47,657.77, the total for all accounts is \$1,177,307.57. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second accepting the treasure report as printed. The motion carried, all in favor.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Ruschmeier moved and Turnquist second to approve the claims in the amount of \$18,138.07. The motion carried, all in favor.

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Ordered 6 casting caps for new home driveways, cost was \$480 plus shipping. Lee will be attending next meeting, on vacation.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Josh with Bolton and Menk was present to discuss the waste water ponds. MPCA is requesting that the infiltration and phosphorus levels are of high concern and will need to be addressed as part of the pond permit. The Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF) permit will need to be updated; Josh is proposing a five year schedule to make the necessary improvements to ponds and will submit to MPCA with the steps for each year and to be completed in June of 2021. Josh does not have a concrete number at this time and also mentioned there are grants available to help. Council asked Josh for an estimated guess and he was hoping to stay under \$100,000 but do not hold to that number.

2. Resolution 2016 – 11 2040 Comprehensive Plan Need For Funding Update. Ruschmeier moved and Turnquist second approving Resolution 2016-11. The motion carried, all in favor.

3. Council reviewed the Donation Policy and had discussion; put back on agenda.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 1 new home, 1 fence permit, 1 siding permit.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Nothing to report.

M. PW REPORT: Nothing at this time.

N. PARKS REPORT: Lightning hit some lights at Lindstrom, ballast has been ordered, and cost is around \$885.00. Eric will be putting the ballast in and will turn his hours into the city. Insurance deductible is \$500, wait and see how much the repairs cost and then decide if it should be turned into insurance.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Van Lith is on vacation.

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P. CLERKS REPORT: Election training July 21 12 – 3:15 at the County, July 27, 10 am Equipment test date at County, July 28, 6 PM Public Accuracy test at County.

National night out is from 6:30 – 8 PM.

Clerk has completed her certification training and is now a Minnesota Certified Municipal Clerk (MCMC). Fair dates that Clerk will need off are August 10th and 11th, 2016.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Turnquist recommended to Council to accept Julie Aarsold's application to Planning Commission. Council reviewed application and accepted application. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier second approving Julie Aarsold's application to the Planning Commission. The motion carried, all in favor.

Turnquist explained the Planning Commission meeting addressing the solar ordinance proposed changes. Turnquist went through the changes the PC has made and Council had discussion. Carolyn Effertz had many questions on zoning of specific land areas; Turnquist addressed all of Effertz questions. If Council approves the changes the next step would be a public hearing to adopt the changes, no mailing would need to be done. Turnquist explained the roof top specifications/requirements in R1; Turnquist also explained the solar ordinance update would require specifications and regulations as of this time the city does not have any requirements.

Turnquist also explained to the audience members the Met Council and the Waste Water (ponds) issue. Turnquist suggested if we do the opt out option on the Family Healthcare that we bundle these Public Hearings. Will put this back on the agenda for Public Hearing date and possible with the Family Healthcare Dwelling opt out option.

2. Council discussed the Family Healthcare Dwelling. Ruschmeier recommends that the Council move forward with the opt out option; Council was all in agreement to move forward. Turnquist suggested having a PC meeting at the same time addressing updating the trailer issue on the streets. Council will schedule or discuss Public Hearing dates at next meeting.

3. Ruschmeier stated that her parents are more than willing to have welcome to New Germany signs located on their property; the city has their permission. Council had discussion of possible other locations. After discussion the Brock Sennes property could possibly be the other location, check with Brock. The County would require a plan with location and setbacks for the east end of town, no fees would be required but a contract or agreement on maintenance of signs would be required from County.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

1. RMC would like to reconstruct the stair well and doorway leading up to the Legion room, at their expense. Council did not have any issues with reconstruction. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier second removal of doorway, handrail, extend stairs/step, locking device on supply room door. The motion carried, all in favor.

Budget dates – August 23 and 30th 6:30 PM. Clerk explained the fees on Ehlers; Council had discussion. Ruschmeier moved and Turnquist second approving \$7500 update on the Financial Management Plan. The motion carried, all in favor.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Jaeger second to adjourn meeting at 8:32 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk