

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – FEBRUARY 19, 2019

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held February 19, 2019 in the city council room of the New Germany City Hall. Mayor Van Lith called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., those present were: Mayor Van Lith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Cathy Ruschmeier (absent) and Nick Hartwig (absent). Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members were: none present.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT- no comments

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of agenda. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the February 5, 2019 Council minutes as printed. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Monthly report was available for review. Deputy Joe Bengtson will be present at March 19 meeting.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Council had a discussion on Township contracts; check with FD.

G. TREASURE REPORT:

- The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,297,820.87, which includes the CD's balance of \$49,147.42. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0
- Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the 2018 Fire Department deficit transfer from the FD Truck Building fund into the General Fund in the amount of \$2,634.44. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0
- January Bank reconciliation was included for review by Council.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the claims in the amount of \$12,709.02. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: When the weather cooperates People Service will drill into the ice on the wastewater ponds and take samples.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Council reviewed the information from Ehlers pertaining to potential refunding of existing bonds; at this time there is no significant savings, Ehlers will continue to monitor.

2. Turnquist and Jaeger gave their report from the annual review with the City Clerk; report was all positive. Turnquist would like to see more goal setting for future use. Clerk has received her CMC (Certified Municipal Clerk certification). Council had concerns of office safety issues for the Clerk; include on agenda in a month that is not busy. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded to increase the Clerk's wages by \$1 effective February 3, 2019. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0
Will discuss healthcare in June/July.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Bathroom remodel.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: No report.

M. PUBLIC WORKS: Discussion on Camden Township plowing Hilda and 62nd Street. Clerk will send letter requesting them to plow 62nd Street West for this snow season. Sentence to Serve was in the City clearing snow by Fire Hydrants.

N. PARKS REPORT: Meeting on the February 25, 7 PM.

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O. MAYORS REPORT: No report.

P. CITY CLERK REPORT:

- March 19 the Auditor will be present with the 2018 Audit.
- April 16 Carver County Library has requested to be present at Council meeting.
- LTD Broadband would like to put equipment (antenna) similar to what is on Water Tower; compensation is \$50 per month; check with People Service, report back.

Q. OLD BUSINESS: Will keep the Codification of Ordinance on the agenda during the 90-day review period.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Turnquist would like to implement an Office safety Team to research ideas for a safe working office environment.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded adjourning the meeting at 7:53 PM. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer