

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – July 17, 2018

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council was held July 17, 2018 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 Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Cathy Ruschmeier and Nick Hartwig. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members were: Tim & Yvonne Litfin.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: No audience members.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the agenda with the addition of Resolution 2018-16. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the July 3, 2018 minutes with the correction in N; Commercial Club will donate for Chalker and Painter supplies and city will pay for Ag Lime. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Monthly report was available for review.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

1. Van Lith reported there is 21 teams playing in the upcoming Fire Department Tournament on August 3, 4 and 5.

G. TREASURE REPORT:

1. The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,476,775.43, which includes the CD's balance of \$48,590.30. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

Bank Reconciliation - \$140,893.15 of the \$249,751.93 from the tax settlement from the county has been deposited in the June statement, the remaining amount will be in the July bank statement. Budget information was also presented to the Council for the upcoming 2019 Budget meeting.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims tabled until later in meeting.

I. WATER SEWER REPORT:

- Clerk reported they are working on a phone conference with MPCA, Karen Cavett with SEH, People Service on the Facility Plan for the wastewater.
- People Service has hired a new person; Brent.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Tim & Yvonne Litfin with Tour De Tonka presented Council with a power point. Some of the key points on Tour De Tonka were; 13 year, years 1-3 were in New Germany, new road is like heaven for bike riders, 88 was oldest rider, 108 agencies, 616 volunteers, \$11,954 spent in food for rest stops, \$22,235 spent on police support, 100 mile route, 700 – 800 riders, 166 different communities participated, riders from 40 counties, riders from 25 different states, riders from 2 countries besides US, 4 year old was youngest rider who rode with training wheels and completed 16 miles, 2017 they raised \$8,430 for the ICA food shelf. This is the first year they are offering 8 different distances; 16, 30, 36, 48, 57, 62, 71, 100, the route is all on the west side of the metro area, 13 rest stops, North Memorial will have 2 medics on bike and one with a gator UTV vehicle, RMC is also involved with the ride. Mayor Van Lith asked where they would like help; intersection of the T-Road. Tour De Tonka does give the Fire Department a donation for contributing help to the ride.

CLAIMS - Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving claims in the amount of \$76,036.27. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

2. Council reviewed the 2019 Carver County Assessor Joint Service Agreement for the City of New Germany; 3.43% increase for 2019. Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving the 2019 Carver County Assessor Joint Service Agreement. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

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3. Resolution 2018-15 Accepting a \$611.60 donation from the Commercial Club for Park supplies Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving Resolution 2018-15. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

4. Resolution 2018-16 Appointing Election Judges for the 2018 Primary Election on August 14, 2018. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving Resolution 2018-16. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: none as of meeting.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: none as of meeting.

M. PW REPORT:

- Van Lith reported he has received three chip seal bids and 1 replay bid. Chip Seal bids Pearson \$27,605.40, Allied \$28,399.80, Caldwell \$31,379.24, Bargaen who does replay \$30,783.00; Council had a discussion on replay and chip seal, replay can only be used on streets that have not been chip sealed. Council continued discussion and also discussed the crack repair bid from Bargaen of \$6,984, the other crack repair bid was not complete with footage information and was discarded. Bargaen also noted that there is four-man holes that need repair and would be additional \$2,000. The county was consulted on an opinion on replay findings. Council reviewed the map of streets that would be done and continued discussion on options; Bargaen goes by actual footage laid, the quote is for 19,860 sq. feet of replay. Seal coat fund currently has \$25,061.63, \$18,000 is to be transferred at end of year which brings the balance to \$43,061.63. Turnquist moved and Hartwig seconded to accept the Bargaen replay, crack repair and man hole repairs as estimated at approximately \$39,767.00. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0
- Van Lith reported Rick is busy mowing; mower has been working well.

N. PARKS REPORT:

- Jaeger brought up a Cross Country group that Jaguar may possible hire to distribute door knockers of upcoming fiber optic construction.
- Commercial Club will pay for Garland order for Christmas decorations.
- Games have been rained out; lots of concession products left.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing to report at this time.

P. CLERKS REPORT:

- Jaguar will soon start construction, they will be making the residents aware of construction with a description of what will be taking place with their number. Jaguar will host an open house for residents to view their products offered and hands on trial at open house; August 13, 3 -8 PM in the basement of City Hall. They will be supplying information to get out to residents. Attorneys are working on Franchise Agreement.
- Trophy Lakes is at the highest percent to property owner it can be at; residential vacant at 1.25%, recreational/seasonal is 1%.
- Affidavit of Candidacy opens up July 31 – August 14, last day to withdrawal is August 16, 5 PM. Filing fee is \$2 with your paperwork if running for Mayor or Council Member. Terms up this year are Council members Nick Hartwig and Cathy Ruschmeier (4-year terms) and the Mayor Van Lith (2-year term).
- Reason for the long list of Election judges is I am still trying to figure out who they will be; have to be listed to be eligible for an election judge.
- Reminder of Budget meeting July 24. 7 PM; please bring your packets that are in front of you to budget meeting.
- Offsite back up is with a different company through TechStars; cost is \$6 per month per computer. I charged \$143.98 on credit card for the two computers, July 2018 – July 2019. We should receive a refund of around \$120 from TechStar.

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- Message board – having an issue recovering the password; if the password cannot be recovered it is around a \$1600 fee to purchase controller. The retired person from school is being contacted to see if they remember any passwords.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council discussed the recycling increase of .44 as suggested by Republic. Republic contract is not up until 2020. After discussion the Council will not support the increase; remains at 3.25 per container.

2. Company coming tomorrow and next week to evaluate the elevator.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

- Nation Night Out – Fire trucks, Ambulance, Sheriff, possible new canine unit, Sheriff Posse, Scott Knight giving horse/buggy rides. Council Meeting is after NNO at 8 PM.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:58 PM. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer