

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – MAY 17, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on May 17, 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: none

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: J3 will be the addition of Resolution 2016-06. Jaeger moved and Turnquist approved the agenda with the addition of Resolution 2016-06. The motion carried, all in favor.

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

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Officer Stahlke addressed a few complaints and they were resolved, Sheriff Report was reviewed.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Jerry Goede was present with Camden Township to discuss payment options for the 2017 fire contract. Goede feels like it is almost a conflict of interest for him as he serves on the Fire department. Goede informed Council on the payment conflict they see with the dates in the proposed contract for 2017. Goede explained to Council they do not receive County payment until July. Mayor Van Lith explained the Fire Department expenses and questioned why the City should be responsible for carrying Camden on the books till July and December. The city does not receive their funds until July and December just like the Township. Turnquist asked for clarification if Camden found any pre payment evidence, Goede reported no finding of pre pay. Discussion continued with Goede and Council. Goede also stated researching different fire departments is also an option. Council will need to decide who will be attending the Camden Township meeting. Goede also questioned the availability of daytime coverage. Hartwig stated there is one name on the fire truck but three are paying for service, it is everybody's Fire Department. Goede would really like to see an addition onto the fire barn/garage to continue housing the ambulance. Camden meets the second Thursday of the month, Goede invited whomever to attend. Council had a discussion on payment options; Van Lith will attend and would like a few more representatives, possible Hartwig.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$831,416.12. The bond account is \$1,045.00 and the CD's total \$47,657.77, the total for all accounts is \$880,118.89. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, all in favor.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded to approve the claims in the amount of \$8,149.60, Commercial club will reimburse the city for the Display Sales bill of \$88.30. The motion carried, all in favor.

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Lee, Mike and Paul canvassed the City with notices on discharging sump pumps. The flow to the pond has decreased; need to continue forward with sump pump inspections.

J. 1. Council discussed the Public Hearing date; the first hearing will be to consider the application of MN Solar for a zoning ordinance text amendment. The second hearing will be to consider the application of MN Solar for a rezoning of the Montgomery property, one property is zoned R1 and the other is zoned Agriculture. Council continued discussing options and rezoning. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the Public Hearing for considering MN Solar Garden application of zoning ordinance text amendment and rezoning of property on June 7, 6 PM in the upstairs of the City Hall. The motion carried, all in favor. Council continued discussion on zoning options.

2. Council reviewed the information from Bolton and Menk; the first being a quote of trunk extension going north of Trophy Lakes. Turnquist mentioned the City's has an agreement with the Fire Department on paying back their funds and this has to be honored. Council decided to check financial options with Ehlers. Council continued discussion on water lines at Trophy Lakes and the options.

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Bolton and Menk also gave quote for sump pump inspection; Turnquist noted this is not in the City budget. The amount for inspections would be around \$11,000; this is not an option for the City. Clerk explained that Metro west would like a scope of the project before they could give a solid quote; verbally they were thinking in the \$9,000 range, Clerk did not go any further since it is not in the budget. Council discussed different option and fines they could impose on residents if they are dumping their sump pumps into the sanitary sewer. Turnquist will train anyone or help with inspections, for whatever the employee hourly rate is. Council will discuss again at the June 7 meeting.

3. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded Resolution 2016-06 accepting funds for Parks account. The motion carried, all in favor.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 2 new homes 531 Park Street East and 190 Hilda N, and one remodel.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Complaint on mud on Park Street; Officer Stahlke responded and situation is being resolved. Complaint of Camper on street by Hall, they will be moving the camper. Council suggested educating residents on grass clippings into the storm water system, put in newsletter or send ordinance to residents who are blowing grass onto streets, sidewalks.

M. PW REPORT: Turnquist gave report of interviews for the Part Time Public Works Seasonal position and who they are recommending to Council for the position. The candidate they have selected is Rick Todd, he has municipal mowing experience along with streets water, sewer, and locates. Rick is also becoming a resident of New Germany; he is building at 190 Hilda Street N. Jaeger moved and Van Lith seconded approving Rick Todd for the Seasonal Part Time Public Works position. The motion carried, all in favor.

N. PARKS REPORT: Jaeger has been encouraging Eric Roepke and Kevin Horstman to get on the agenda, league starts June 2.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Van Lith has been having problems with the weed whip, it is old possible might need to purchase a new one. Clerk thought a new one from UFC was around \$250. Clerk e mailed Marty Walsh on mowing by Trail head and Trail sign.

Clean up day workers will be needed, talk to Van Lith.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Clerk reported a realtor would like to know on the zoning of 130 State Avenue N, they would like to see it zoned Residential; it is zoned Commercial/business. Council had discussion and it will remain in the Commercial/Business district. The question of tanks in the ground seems to be a concern; Clerk will do some checking. Turnquist would like to receive any information regarding tanks in the ground and or any of their findings on this issue. Van Lith does not ever recall any tanks being removed on that property. The realtor is having issues getting an appraiser for the property as residential and she has stated it was an FFA loan on the property; how did they get that in a commercial/business district. Council will leave as is and there will be no changes.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Solar information from resident was reviewed. Invite Jessica Goenner to the Public Hearing on June 7.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:55 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk