

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – NOVEMBER 1, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on November 1, 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, Cathy Ruschmeier, and Nick Hartwig. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Julie Aarsvold.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: Nothing at this time.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approval of the agenda. The motion carried, all in favor.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approval of the October 18, 2016 Council minutes. The motion carried, all in favor.

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Nothing to report at this time.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: They are meeting tonight in the basement. Mayor Van Lith and Chief Ruschmeier attended the Chief's conference in St Cloud; always a learning experience.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,173,387.45. This includes the CD account of \$47,657.77. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving the Treasure report as printed. The motion carried, all in favor.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier second approving the claims in the amount of \$15,587.77. The motion carried, all in favor.

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Council reviewed the quarterly report from People Service. Council discussed the high flows the ponds are receiving. Van Lith reported a resident having a possible water issue, have People Service check it out. Council moved back to Claims.

J. Nothing at this time

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Security Bank – re-roof, 271 Park Street E – garage re-roof and remodel.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Nothing at this time.

M. PW REPORT: Van Lith reported they are finishing up with mowing and mulching.

N. PARKS REPORT: Halloween Party was a success, next Commercial Club meeting is on November 28. Breakfast with Santa is Saturday December 3, 2016 from 8 – 11 AM.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing at this time.

P. CITY CLERK REPORT:

Clerk reported Bolton and Menk replaced the property pins that were previously in place. If they are not there now, they were not previously there and a boundary survey would need to be completed.

Clerk gave report on the UFC building; UFC would possible donate to the City and the City would need to draft the agreement up with UFC, the building and grounds would be as is. The County would require a lease agreement from the City, City maintains and upkeep the building and grounds. In the event the City no longer has a need for the building the City would need to restore to turf condition. The County will do a Phase 1 Environmental inspection due to possible chemicals used at the facility; verbiage can also be put into the agreement pertaining to chemicals. Council discussed and agreed they are interested in the building and to schedule an inspection and would like the phase 1 completed before going to attorney for an agreement. County also provided a copy of the agreement they had with UFC.

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Clerk gave Election update and everything is ready for November 8.

Clerk will be taking ½ day off on November 7 and the entire day on November 14.

### Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Keep on the agenda for future discussion.

2. Council went through recommendations and questions on reducing the budget. Ehlers will be present on November 15 to go over FMP and final levy. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving the 2017 budget cuts. The motion carried, all in favor.

3. Keep on the agenda for future discussion.

### R. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council reviewed I & I (inflow and infiltration) notice that will be going to all residents; extended the deadline to December 15, 2016, after that date residents could receive a \$75 fine per month, if they are non-compliant. The notice explains all sump pumps and or floor drains has to be inspected for compliance.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier second to adjourn meeting at 8:06 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

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