

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – MARCH 19, 2019

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held March 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: Sara Oberloh with Oberloh & Assoc., Fire Chief Dan Ruschmeier, Officer Joe Bengtson.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT- no comments

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Will move Officer Joe under the Sheriff report. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of agenda with changes. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

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

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Monthly report was available for review. Officer Joe Bengtson introduced himself and gave his background information, lives in Mayer with his family. Joe let Council know he is back on the 8 AM - 4 PM shift, Monday – Friday. Any calls outside of general patrol hours they will be accommodate accordingly by Sheriff Dept. Joe noted he is here to accommodate any special event requests and would flex his schedule to accommodate the city's requests.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Chief Ruschmeier went through the City, Camden and Hollywood fire contract numbers and calls. Chief Ruschmeier noted the Townships do their budget in the beginning of the year; Chief informed them of truck and SCBA purchases that will be in the future. Come up with a long-range plan for the Townships to help with the budgeting process; have done in November for their budgeting time in January. Chief Ruschmeier touched on the weather watch and how it is divided among the City, Hollywood and Camden. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the City, Camden and Hollywood Township Fire 2020 contract information. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0
- Chief Ruschmeier brought up the raised cement issue in the Fire Garage; quote to fix the issue \$500.00. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the quote for \$500 to correct the raise cement issue in the Fire Garage. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0
- Fire Dept Dance is April 26; music is by Up South.
- Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the Fire Department and Commercial Club liquor license. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0
Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the Fire Department and Commercial Club soft drink license. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

G. TREASURE REPORT:

- The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,294,708.80, which includes the CD's balance of \$49,147.42. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0
- February Bank reconciliation was included for review by Council.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the claims in the amount of \$16,942.21. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Clerk gave report on the findings of the resident's large increase of water use. Received the Water Supply Plan back from the DNR; need critical water deficiency ordinance. The City will have 90 days to adopt the ordinance after accepting the Water Supply Plan.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Sara Oberloh (Auditor) presented the 2018 financial audit for the City of New Germany. Council reviewed the information as presented by Sara. Audit needs to be submitted by March 31, 2019. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the 2018 audit. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0
2. This was moved to Sheriff report.

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3. Mitch Grove with Broadband LTD was present to discuss the options of internet antennas on the Water Tower. Mitch went through the type of equipment that they would use on the Water Tower. Broadband LTD would compensate the City \$600 per year for the use of antennas on Water Tower. Mitch noted they cannot compete with fiber optic but their intent is to supply rural areas with internet. Their plans start at about \$30 per month and they are in need of more towers for Rural America. Mitch explained the equipment they use and placement on Water Tower. After discussions it was then decided Mitch would bring back some specifications and a lay out of the equipment, including placement of the equipment on the Water Tower and bring to the next Council meeting.

4. Resolution 2019-05 Approving the grant of \$7,500 from the Carver County Community Development (CDA), to be used towards the wastewater facility plan. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving Resolution 2019-05. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: MPCA has granted permission for a house to be built on Park Street East; patio home.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Dumping of debris and rocks behind 480 Park Street East; Steve Van Lith will investigate the complaint.

M. PUBLIC WORKS: Steve Van Lith reported he has been working on the water issue on Black Forest Road; tree roots in culvert. Henning will be doing the repairs this spring or summer. Public Works will continue working on the list of OSHA compliant issues.

N. PARKS REPORT: Meeting on the March 22, 7 PM.

O. MAYORS REPORT: No report.

P. CITY CLERK REPORT:

- On March 12, 2019 meet with Beverly Mathiason from Republic Services on recycling industry. The recycling industry has leveled out and is not continuing to plummet downward. The value of recycling is still low and losses are still taking place. At contract time you can expect recycling to increase; this has been seen among most haulers. Metals and OCC (old corrugated cardboard) still have positive values. Clerk went through some of the recycling facts that were provided by Republic.
- Clerk Convention – March 20 -22; March 20 leave early AM for St Cloud.
- April 16 Carver County Library will be present at Council meeting.
- Discussion on amending Ordinance 101 A; fees.
- Discussion on residents and garbage service; it is a requirement of the city.
- Oldies but Goodies will be meeting on March 20; Connie Stahlke will be letting them in.
- Draft of the Multi Hazard Mitigation County Plan; New Germany change was adding the Hall as a command center on account of the back up generator.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

- Will keep the Codification of Ordinance on the agenda during the 90-day review period.
- Council had discussion on Office Safety and ways to improve Clerk's safety in the office.
- Turnquist and Jaeger will meet after the meeting to complete the employee evaluation forms for the remaining reviews.

R. NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded adjourning the meeting at 8:51PM. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer