

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 17, 2018

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held April 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: Anthony Will with Broadband Corporation.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT:

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the agenda. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded approval of the April 3, 2018 minutes. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

2. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded approval of the April 10, 2018 Special Meeting minutes. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

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

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Ruschmeier was present and explained the TV, and accessories cost was \$522.47; can be used for training videos and power points. Clerk used the capital building/equipment fund and if the Relief decides to donate towards the equipment funds will be placed back into Capital fund. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the smart tv and accessory purchase. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

Fire call last week, house fire; mutual aid with Mayer, Lester Prairie, Winsted and Watertown.

New Fire Fighters are working out well; Van Lith complemented Chief Ruschmeier on his performance training the new fire fighters.

Chief Ruschmeier reported the auto pulse is malfunctioning and they are looking into repairing.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,262,133.70, which includes the CD's balance of \$48,284.24. The March bank reconciliation was also included. Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Ruschmeier moved and Turnquist seconded approving claims in the amount of \$18,962.71. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Council reviewed a sewer lateral; part of the pipe appears to be missing.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Anthony Will was present to answer questions the Council had on the current Broadband agreement; 4 renewing years of 60 months. Anthony noted that he likes to review the contracts every five years. Council voiced their concerns/questions. Council also questioned if a percentage increase per year could be implemented; Will would not like to see an escalator put into the agreement. Will compared New Germany to Hamburg and explained the equipment that currently is on the water tower. Hamburg just went through an upgrade on the equipment on their water tower and it increased their current rent from \$50 to \$75. Will would be increasing the antennas on the New Germany water tower from 4 to 8. Turnquist had questions on what the New Germany water tower is capable of holding and should an engineer be looking at the plans. Will explained the New Germany tower is adequately furnished with pylons with rails attached; they will run out of room before any overloading on the pylons. After discussion it was then decided Will to return next year or later this summer with an update of the plans for the New Germany water tower and the rental rate will be adjusted after the improvements. Will is to email plans to the Clerk and the engineer will review.

J2. Council reviewed a map or several maps pertaining to the alley behind T-Road Tavern. After reviewing Council decided to table discussion and research further.

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K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Karen Cavett with SEH is in the process of requesting a 10-home extension to the current restricted pond permit.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: None at this time.

M. PW REPORT: Van Lith reported the payloader wing welding job that Ziegler preformed was not an adequate job; weld broke and wing was not functional on this last snowfall. Van Lith also reported bobcat had a flat tire and needs to have all four tires replaced; had a quote for tires. Hartwig mentioned he should go with the new type of tires that are used on bobcats that are mainly used on asphalt surfaces and snow; Hartwig showed Van Lith on his cellular device. Hartwig and Van Lith will look into the tires and rims that Hartwig has referred. Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded a \$1500 budget for bobcat tires/rims. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

N. PARKS REPORT: Jaeger reported they may be trying ball games next week; possible at the Fellowship field. Clerk reported on fund balance from the completed Dug Out project; after paying for the aluminum benches there is \$684.48 left in the account. Mayer Lumber bill was \$1008.91; account is short \$324.43. Jaeger noted the City Parks account will absorb the \$324.43.

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

P. CLERKS REPORT: Meeting this afternoon at County on the E Poll equipment; should cut down on election judges needed.

April 24 meeting at Mayer 8:30-12:00 PM, Comp Plan Public Hearing on April 24, 6:30pm.

Special assessments on County Ditch 9; \$ 626.34, May 15 \$313.17 and October 15 \$313.17. These fees are for cleaning of County Ditch 9.

City employees and Fire Department members can receive a 15% off Verizon wireless bill; I will provide the instructions on how to obtain discount.

April 28, City Hall from 10 AM - 2 PM Medicine Take Back Program.

1. Clerk submitted time off requests for summer/fall 2018.

2. Solid Waste contract was approved by the attorney and submitted to the County, deadline was April 16. The change in the contract was the amount the City receives increased from \$3628 to \$4039.

3. Clerk would like Council to review the City Website and give any input as to changes or anything else they would like to add. Working on adding all Ordinances, lengthy process.

4. If Council shall have any ideas/input for National Night Out please share with Clerk.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. WTP Light-No quote received on the Water Treatment Plant; keep on agenda until received.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Van Lith informed Council that Camden Fire Contracts were accepted and signed.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:16 PM. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

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