

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 18, 2017

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on April 18, 2017 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, Officer Gary Stahlke. Audience members present were: Julie Aarsvold.
- B. CITIZEN COMMENT: no comments.
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the agenda. The motion carried, all were in favor.
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the April 4, 2017 minutes. The motion carried, all were in favor.
- E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Officer Stahlke explained to Council the new federal format of the quarterly sheriff report. Officer Stahlke informed Council how the traffic stops are recorded. Officer Stahlke is trying to educate and inform residents to call issues in when they are happening. In the event of barking dogs or animal issue this also needs to be called in while it is happening and the CSO will check into the issue. Officer Stahlke reported the fraud cases have increased in the area; be watchful of your funds. Officer Stahlke will attend quarterly Council meetings.
- F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Fire Department Dance is this Friday evening.
- G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,143,397.16, which includes the CD's balance of \$47,918.48. Included in the Treasure report were the monthly bank stamen and a quarterly funds report. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded to approve the Treasure report as printed. The motion carried, all were in favor.
- H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded to approve the claims in the amount of \$68,879.87. The motion carried, all were in favor.
- I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Council discussed key/entry issues with People Service; in the event Clerk is absent and if they needed cannot get in Hall or Office without tracking someone down. Council decided to place keys for an emergency situation in the Water Treatment Plant.
- II. Van Lith noted that approximately 20,000 gallons were used in training.
- J. 1. Council discussed the Carver County Routine Maintenance Agreement draft. After discussion the questions to address the County were; no exhibit D was included, and questions on the MS4 as we are not a MS4 City. Clerk will check with Legg on these issues, Menth will be the representative for the City. The draft was completed by Hubert's office and the City felt comfortable with this and felt it would not need additional reviewing by the Attorney.
- K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Three building permits issued; window replacement, re-roof, basement finish.
- L. COMPLAINT LOG: Complaint on Adams Street and trucks mudding in field and bring debris onto the street. Officer Stahlke was going to talk with residents. Blight issues at 480 Park Street East; Clerk will send out letter.
- M. PW REPORT: Mayor Van Lith reported the lawnmower is ready to go and Rick will be starting soon. May 20 is the spring recycling date.
- N. PARKS REPORT: Ball season has started and 25 of May leagues will start. Easter Egg hunt went really well, the weather was nice so the hunt was held outside, lots of kids.

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O. MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Van Lith and Clerk Menth attended an informational meeting on County Road 30 at Mayer. The project will start the middle of June and hopefully be finished by the end of August or mid September at the latest. They will be widening the shoulder and resurfacing the road; all together it is a \$3 million project. They will place detour signs and hopefully we will be able to use County Road 32. New Germany residents will need to take the detour as posted to take brush to the Mayer site. They will have weekly meetings during the construction process to keep the City informed and updated on the progress.

P. CLERKS REPORT: We have a new letter folding machine in office; works well. RMC will pay for the carpet cleaning in the Hall, will schedule for a Friday. Upright freezer located in the basement does not work; remove before May 20 so it can be recycled. Clerk requested ½ day off on April 20. Jaeger moved and Turnquist second Clerk taking vacation time on April 20, 2017. The motion carried, all were in favor.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council discussed Radde annexation. The Council will make clear to Radde that the City is not in the position at this time to extend the water and sewer services and nor will the City take any financial liability to do so. The annexation fees, water & sewer extension will all be Radde's cost. Turnquist questioned the benefit to the City besides tax base. Council also stated Radde will need to contact Hollywood Township and if there is no issue with the Township then Radde should attend a Council meeting with potential buyer to continue discussion. Turnquist noted he is not opposed but does not see the benefit to the City.

2. Council reviewed the non compliant systems. A letter will be sent out to the non compliant systems with a deadline and if they need to extend the deadline they will need to attend a Council meeting explaining why they need an extension.

3. Turnquist and Ruschmeier will be meeting one hour before Council meeting on May 2, 2017.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Red light is out on water tower.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Van Lith moved and Jaeger seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:10 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk