

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 19, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on April 19, 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 Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Cathy Ruschmeier, and absent was Nick Hartwig. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Mike Ford.

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Add WAC /SAC fee discussion under New Business. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the agenda with addition. The motion carried.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Correct date on minutes. Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded approval of minutes with date correction. The motion carried.

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Monthly report was reviewed from Sheriff Department.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mayor Van Lith reported the Fire Department has been attending active shooter training.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$821,277.44. The bond account is \$1,045.00 and the CD's total \$47,657.67, the total for all accounts is \$869,980.11. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded to approve the claims in the amount of \$13,616.35. The motion carried, all in favor.

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Turned water on at 221 Park Street and the meter was leaking, replaced meter and radio head. Lee Ortloff will be attending May 3 meeting with his quarterly report.

J.1. Michael Ford was present to discuss his sewer issue. Mayor Van Lith explained the quote from Henning's; \$2700 with turf restoration and \$2200 – 2000 without turf restoration. Council continued discussion on depth, frost issues and ROW. Slip lining does not fix the problem the digging up method will fix the issue and Henning's can determine if it is a City issue or resident issue. Council would like Henning's to document procedure and notify Van Lith and Turnquist of the procedure. The warranty period according to Bolton and Menk is past. Ford questioned if it is a City issue will he be reimbursed the \$200 fee for televising sewer line; Turnquist replied that the City had other televising options. Council will discuss when they find out what the issue is. Council and Ford continued discussions and it was decided to move forward and if it is a City issue then the City is responsible for Henning's, if not then Ford would be. Ford will do his own turf restoration.

2. Van Lith reported pole #30 by City Shed light is out. Council discussed replacing the security light on City Shed; quote from Laketown Electric is \$300 for a LED wall pack photocell light. Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded to replace the security light on City Shed for \$300. The motion carried.

3. Council discussed the 20% increase of MPCA garbage fees. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded for the City to pay the 2016 MPCA fees. The motion carried.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: wheel chair ramp, deck alterations, 3 re roof, 1 sump pump.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Nothing to report.

M. PW REPORT: Mayor Van Lith brought up Hilda and 62nd street and reported he has talked with Henning's and they would like some gravel on the road, possible 6 loads. Clerk gave report on what she found out from County regarding Hilda and 62nd Street. Clerk is trying to find if there was an agreement between Camden and Hollywood regarding these roads. Turnquist mentioned we may need to put up a minimum maintenance road signs. Clerk reported that Hartwig called early today and is not in favor of

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 19, 2016

putting more gravel on road at this time and thinks we need to check more on this agreement. Council decided to table until next meeting. Mayor Van Lith thought the road came into the City in the 1990's.

Clerk should also check with Chip Hentges on cleaning of storm sewer drains. Check with Watertown on street sweeping otherwise go forward with scheduling Kohl's.

N. PARKS REPORT: Kevin Horstman and Eric have been reviewing press box and it seems an engineer will need to be involved in the plans; needs to be done by July.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing at this time.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Clerk will wait until next week to contact Resource Strategies on Solar application.

Q. 1. Turnquist explained the Part time Public Works position and the recommendation of the committee. Mayor Van Lith stated he is planning on doing some mowing. Turnquist does not want to see things left undone until the fire department tournament and then the fire department is doing the spruce up around town, it should be all summer. Council discussed the part time public works description, hours, and days. Council decided it will be a seasonal position, hours as needed but cannot exceed 14 hours per week and the pay would be \$13.00 per hour, cannot exceed 67 days. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded accepting applications for limited Part Time Public Works position, hourly pay of \$13, not to exceed 14 hours per week. The motion carried.

2. Council reviewed Website Policy samples; Turnquist recommends the Kimball sample, Council continued discussion on what type of links will be associated with City. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded directing Clerk to construct the website policy from the Kimball model.

R. 1. Clerk explained Applewood Homes purchased two lots; one in Black Forest and one on Park Street. Applewood Homes is looking for a discount on the WAC/SAC fees for the two lots they have purchased; they have supplied information on the last homes they did relatively close and the WAC/SAC fees that were paid; Council continued discussing options. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving Applewood Homes a onetime 25% discount on WAC/SAC fees (utility connection) for two homes, providing the building permits are submitted and approved by June 30, 2016.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:50 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk