

## **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 3, 2018**

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held April 3, 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, absent Nick Hartwig. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members were: Lyle Lehrke and Brian Klingelhutz.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: Lyle Lehrke voiced his concerns of the plowing on 62<sup>nd</sup> Street.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the agenda with the additions of Resolution 2018-08 and 2018-09. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded approval of the March 20, 2018 minutes. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Recognition event invitation; Council meeting night, will not be attending.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Community Dance this Friday night, sponsored by New Germany and Lester Prairie Fire Departments.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,265,529.81, which includes the CD's balance of \$48,284.24. Ruschmeier moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Ruschmeier moved and Turnquist seconded approving claims in the amount of \$8,860.77. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Council reviewed the point of sale sewer lateral inspection informational letter. When a home is put up for sale the homeowner will receive the informational letter, sewer compliance certification form, and the Ordinance No 101 A.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Resolution 2018-07 is a resolution supporting local decision-making authority and opposes legislation that removes the ability for local elected officials to respond to the needs of their businesses and constituents. Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving Resolution 2018-07 A Resolution Supporting Local Decision- Making Authority. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

Resolution 2018-08 approving \$360 from the Relief Association for IT support which will be deposited into the General fund. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving Resolution 2017-08 A Resolution Approving the LG55 Government Approval or Acknowledgement For Use Of Gambling Funds. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

Resolution 2017-09 is a resolution accepting monies (donations) collected by the Relief Association for the Lindstrom Park Dug Out project. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving Resolution 2018-09, A Resolution Accepting \$1500 Donation from the New Germany Fire Fighter's Relief Association Public Donation Collection To Be Used For The Lindstrom Park Dug Out Project. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

2. Council had discussion on the Broadband Corporation contract which pertains to rent for their equipment that is placed on the City water tower; invite Anthony Will to the next Council meeting for further discussion.

3. Mayor Van Lith moved the Manning Street lot discussion up on account of Brian Klingelhutz being present to discuss options of zoning on the lots. Currently the lots are zoned R1 (residential), in the updated Comp Plan they are considering zoning the lots Commercial. Klingelhutz explained to Council he does have someone interested in them for Commercial lots at this time but it could change in the future. If they are not zoned commercial then the possible purchaser may not want the lots. Council explained the Comp Plan hearing is on April 24 and that is when they will hear from the public. Council also discussed these lots are the few that are left for R1, single family homes; they are currently stubbed for 4 sewer and water connections. The Engineer Justin Black and Clerk had previously met to discuss

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options on these lots; Justin Black suggested something for Council to consider is if it were twin homes (R2) it would not be idle to have one connection serving two homes. Separate connections would be more suitable on account of possible sewer back up. Council continued discussion and options and will hear from the Public at the Comp Plan meeting on April 24, 2018 at 6:30 PM. Ruschmeier stated it looks like either way residents can expect some changes with these lots and is it the change they are opposed to or the zoning.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: T-Road has submitted for construction of a new fence.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: None at this time.

M. PW REPORT: Van Lith has the water issue unclogged for the time being at Black Forest. Van Lith did receive a quote from Henning's for cleaning out the storm drain for \$3,000; if the storm drain pipe would need to be fixed it could be an additional \$3,000. Council also discussed where rock is needed in public parking lots. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded the Henning quote on cleaning of the storm drain in Black Forest and any additional repairs if needed. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

N. PARKS REPORT: Commercial Club musical event is May 19; Eric Roepke will be dismantling a basketball hoop and will not be reinstalling the one.

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

P. CLERKS REPORT: Updating website.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Personnel committee had discussed amending the Clerk job description hours in the annual employee review. Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded amending the job description hours to 32 hours a week plus meetings. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

2. No quote received on the Water Treatment Plant; keep on agenda until received.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussed under J3.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:01 PM. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

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