

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – AUGUST 15, 2017

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on August 15, 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, Nick Hartwig, Cathy Ruschmeier was absent. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Julie Aarsvold, Justin Black with SEH.

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approval of Agenda. The motion carried all ayes. 4/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the August 2, 2017 minutes. The motion carried all ayes. 4/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Sheriff's report July 1 -31, 2017 was available for anyone to review.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mayor Van Lith reported everything is going well with the two newest fire fighters; two more interested in joining the department. Fire Department ball tournament hosted 20 teams and St Boni was the champion.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,384,036.08, which includes the CD's balance of \$48,284.24. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the Treasure report. The motion carried all ayes. 4/0

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Will move to J4.

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Ordered more water meters on account of new homes.

J. 1. Justin Black with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) introduced himself and explained the types of engineering services his company provides. Corporate headquarters of their company is in St Paul; Justin works out of the Hutchinson office and resides in Hutchinson. Company was founded in 1927, over 800 employees, 31 offices and in 9 states. Justin also noted to Council there is a local person employed with them out of the Hutchinson office; Alex Goede. Justin continued going through the brochure on their company and the services they could provide the City of New Germany. Justin named the current cities they provide services to; Silver Lake, Hamburg, Olivia, Glencoe, Buffalo Lake, Gaylord, and Brownton. Council explained the sewer ponds, phosphorus and I and I issues the City has been undergoing. Justin was familiar of the large infrastructure project that the City has completed. Justin explained to the Council a few different ways of compensation, budgeting and contract options. Council and Justin discussed projects, attending quarterly Council meetings, and how they do billing and what Council would like to see from SEH.

2. Council reviewed the Cross Walk Marking draft from Carver County. Council would like to know why cities of 5,000 or less are required to pay 100%, no cost share and why they are also responsible for curb and gutter.

3. Council reviewed the e mail on refurbished LED street lights; City's have already been replaced.

4. Questions on the Bolton & Menk invoice; ask for more information on the Comp Plan bill. Hartwig moved and Jaeger seconded to approve the claims in the amount of \$7,493.30. The motion carried all ayes. 4/0

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Loomis submitted for new construction in Black Forest, St Mark: boiler furnace permit.

L. COMPLAINT LOG:

Resident complaining of speeding car on Broadway; informed resident they need to call Sheriff.

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M. PW REPORT: Van Lith reported the speed limit sign is up entering Lindstrom Park. Lawn mowing is slowing down.

N. PARKS REPORT: Jaeger reported they have had alot of wonderful feedback on the condition of the Parks and the ball tournaments. Radio station also commented how great everything looked at the New Germany ball fields.

Council discussed the hard work and dedication Eric Roepke has put into the ball fields and Parks. Council reviewed the Recognition Policy and decided they will purchase a \$250 Mills Fleet Farm gift card for the many hours Eric Roepke has put in at the Parks. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded to purchase a Mills Fleet Farm gift card of \$250 and a recognition plaque for Eric Roepke. The motion carried all ayes. 4/0

Turnquist and Hartwig discussed their plan for the message board; they will get materials list and will need 200 feet of conduit pipe.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing more to report.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Had a computer software issue today; ordered new software \$199. TechStar will be helping to install and try to merge all folders together. Reviewed letter from County on Election Equipment, they have put together an Election Task Force; may be some cost sharing for the new equipment, they will keep us updated as it moves forward.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:
1. Ordinance 101 A – no updates.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

S. ADJOURNMENT: Van Lith moved and Jaeger seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:26 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk