

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – AUGUST 21, 2018

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council was held August 21, 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, Quinn O'Reilly, City Attorney, Brent Mickolichcek, People Service. Audience members were: Julie Aarsvold.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: No audience members.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Quinn O'Reilly will be moved up on the agenda on account of needing to be in another city. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the agenda with changes. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the August 7, 2018 minutes. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

Quinn O'Reilly introduced himself and provided employment background information. Quinn is now with Melchert, Hubert, Sjodin law firm. Dave Hubert is semi retiring and Quinn will be working with Dave Hubert for the City of New Germany. Dave Hubert just had his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the firm.

Quinn started discussion on the Jaguar franchise agreement. Quinn stated this is a great experience for the residents of New Germany and explained to Council the ongoing performance bond issue of \$10,000; Jaguar does not agree to. Jaguar has agreed to the \$50,000 construction bond. City of New Germany does not have a Right of Way Ordinance, the city can adopt and probably should adopt in the future. The City has the right to make the changes on ongoing performance bond if they choose too. Quinn went over all the options for the city. Quinn felt very confident that this can be worked out and construction will continue as planned; Quinn stated this is the only issue with the agreement. Council questioned what other cities have requested for ongoing performance bonds or if they have; Quinn will research and get back to Council with an answer.

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

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Van Lith reported the Fire Department had a training last night; August 20, 2018.

G. TREASURE REPORT:

- The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,452,785.61, which includes the CD's balance of \$48,880.26. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

H. CLAIMS: Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded approval of the claims in the amount of \$57,088.89. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT:

- Brent Mickolichcek introduced himself from People Service and went through the quarterly report from People Service. Brent also informed Council they were working on replacing old meters with e new radio read meters. Brent discussed the generator and how much it was used during the power outages, People Service and Clerk are working on Water Supply Plan, lift station will be cleaned on September 10 along with the storm drains, ongoing efforts with SEH and MPCA on solutions for the wastewater phosphorus and capacity issues.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Discussed after D1.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: None to report.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: none as of meeting.

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M. PW REPORT:

1. Discussion on city snow equipment and repairs and if the city should consider contracting snow removal out to a company. Council and Mayor Van Lith discussed the options with snow removal; Van Lith will work on specifications for snow removal and Council will revisit. Possible after specifications or parameters are in place, it may be worth getting quotes for services to compare to our current spending and equipment needs. In the future the city will need to upgrade equipment; it may be better for a city the size of New Germany to contract these services out and sell the existing equipment (not the bobcat) and purchase one city truck that can do the snow job. Van Lith will work on putting some thoughts together.

N. PARKS REPORT:

- Thursday evening will be the last game at Parks.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing more to report.

P. CLERKS REPORT:

- Message board insurance coverage - \$10,000. Replacement cost would be in the 30-40,000 for a new one.
- Elections went very well with the new electronic equipment. Carver County was the first County in Minnesota to have all precincts reporting at 100%; largely on account of new equipment.
- Ordering two back up batteries for the WTP around 100-150.00 each through Amazon; Eric is helping to make sure the correct ones are purchased.

Q. OLD BUSINESS: None at this time

R. NEW BUSINESS: Turnquist questioned on manhole repairs; Hartwig and Van Lith reported the repairs consisted of fixing the lip and the hump so the blade would go over and not catch.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Ruschmeier moved and Hartwig seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:01 PM. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

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