

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – August 3, 2016

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on August 4, 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 Ty Turnquist, Shirley Jaeger, and Cathy Ruschmeier, absent was Nick Hartwig. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Julie Aarsvold, Lee Ortloff with People Service.
- B. CITIZEN COMMENT: There were no additional comments from the audience.
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approval of Agenda with additions. The motion carried, all in favor.
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approval of the July 21, 2016 minutes. The motion carried, all in favor.
- E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Sheriff Department is investigating a few issues within the City.
- F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Nothing at this time.
- G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,076,623.28, the CD's total \$47,657.77, the total for all accounts is \$1,124,281.05. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving the treasure report as printed. The motion carried, all in favor.
- H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Jaeger moved and Turnquist second to approve the claims in the amount of \$7,919.10. The motion carried, all in favor.
- I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Lee Ortloff gave his maintenance and quarter report. Ortloff explained on the handheld we use to read meters; need to budget for new one in future. Ortloff went through the waste water side and the MDH letter; allowed to discharge from April – June. This year with early thaw it Ortloff thinks this has contributed to the algae growth at ponds and the infiltration. Since we did the flyers for sump pump discharge the flow has gone down considerable; flow is now around 43-45,000. Ortloff explained his charts and the growth issue with ponds and permit. Ortloff would like to see the Council stay on top of the sump pump inspections and enforce the rules. Ortloff commented on the great job of mowing at the ponds. Council commended Ortloff for a job well done.
- J. 1. Council discussed Ordinance No 85 and how to address the verbiage to include campers; after discussion they came to an agreement on changing the verbiage to include non motorized units. Council would like Clerk to check with Dean and see if they can all be done at the same time. Council agreed on the following three changes; Family Healthcare dwelling opt out, Solar Ordinance and Ordinance No 85.
- K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 1 new home permit 571 Park St E, 1 basement/bathroom permit.
- L. COMPLAINT LOG:
Blight issues: 340 State Avenue S, 420 Broadway Street E, 440 Broadway Street E, Frontier building weeds growing out of gutters, Clerk will send letters.
- M. PW REPORT: Turnquist discussed plan for sump pump inspections and will train staff. Schedule between September – October daytime and evening appointments; Public Works can do daytime and Turnquist will do evening, tag after inspection.
- N. PARKS REPORT: Lindstrom Park looks nice noted Ruschmeier. Turnquist questioned removing light poles. Julie Aarsvold weeded by Parks and scoreboard.
- O. MAYORS REPORT: Softball Tournament is this weekend; New Germany plays at 11:30 on Saturday at Lindstrom Park.

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P. CLERKS REPORT: Clerk reported we did not receive the grant from CDA.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. No meeting.

2. Council would like Clerk to check with Dean and see if the Public Hearings can all be done at the same time. Council agreed to move forward on the following three; Family Healthcare dwelling opt out, Solar Ordinance and Ordinance No 85.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

S. ADJOURNMENT: Van Lith moved and Jaeger second to adjourn meeting at 8:05 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk