

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – DECEMBER 18, 2018

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held December 18, 2018 in the city council room of the New Germany City Hall. Mayor Van Lith called the Public Hearing/Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., those present were: Mayor Van Lith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Cathy Ruschmeier Nick Hartwig (absent). Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members were: Steve Young with the Herald Journal, Haila Maze with Bolton and Menk.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT- no comments

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded with addition of J8., 2019 liquor licenses. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the December 4, 2018 Council minutes with the correction in I from complaint to compliant. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0
- Ruschmeier moved and Turnquist seconded the approval of the December 10, 2018 hall rental workshop minutes. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0
- Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded approval of the December 10, 2018 Special meeting minutes. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Monthly report was available for review. The city will be receiving a new officer; hours of coverage will be between 2 – 10 PM. Officer Stahlke has taken a different coverage area.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mayor Van Lith reported they had training the night before; used three areas and things went very well.

G. TREASURE REPORT:

- Council reviewed the settlement statement from Carver County.
- Council reviewed the November bank reconciliation/statement.
- The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,652,230.63, which includes the CD's balance of \$49,013.46. December 28, 2018 the bond payments is automatically deducted in the amount of \$39,076.62 (from the water fund) and \$198,496.12 (60% from water fund and 40% from sewer fund). Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving the claims in the amount of \$20,985.29. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Clerk explained the options with handheld; new information as Badger has additional fees associated with new handheld meter reader system. Clerk went through the options; clerk and Lee Ortloff also discussed options/plan for future and are recommending to wait and let the cellular technology expand as this is the best option. We have the money in the water/sewer fund for the handheld in the event of an equipment failure with no repair option; we do have repair options for the current handheld and software. Clerk will explore with Ehlers if the funds should be transferred into a capital fund for future needs or what the best option would be. Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded to rescind the motion on November 20, 2018 to purchase a Tremble Ranger 7 and Beacon software from Badger (\$5650 each in water & sewer fund). The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0 Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving a fund for ear marking handheld funds; contingent on Ehlers recommendation. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Haila Maze was present to explain to council where the process is with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Haila explained that Met Council likes things explained in a certain way; Haila went through the questions or comments from Met Council. Haila also explained that the comments or questions from Met Council does not change the outcome of the Comp Plan. Met Council is requesting a different described format other than what Bolton and Menk uses; they will oblige by the request but it will not change anything in the Comp Plan. Haila also noted that the 2030 annexation is a quietly relapse; city can reserve the right if they choose but this city has no planned expansion at this time on account of

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all the annexed land already. DNR comments were verbiage on wildlife management. Housing comments on existing housing needs. County transportation comments that the city will incorporate the Carver County 2040 future volume forecast when available. Surface water reviewed and language changes are recommended, along with a few solar comments. Haila explained the city is on track even with the late comments from Met Council; the corrections will be made and the Comp Plan will go back to Met Council. Look for another approval in February or March and that should be the final reported Haila. Council and Haila had a discussion and Haila answered any additional questions council had. Turnquist questioned on the wastewater and requested the verbiage to be altered to stating that Met Council will not be taking over the wastewater facility; city is in the investigating stage of options which will include the best plan for the future in regards to wastewater facility for New Germany.

2. Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded approving Resolution 2018-25 A Resolution Adopting Year 2019 General Fund Operating Budget for The City of New Germany. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

3. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving Resolution 2018–26; A Resolution Adopting Year 2019 Levy for The City of New Germany For Collection In 2019. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

4. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving Resolution 2018-27; A Resolution Approving The 2019 Meeting Schedule. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

5. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded Resolution 2018-28; A Resolution Transferring Funds. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

6. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving the 2018 auditing services contract with Dennis E. Oberloh, LTD. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

7. Council had a discussion on the New Germany hall rental workshop and options on how to move forward. Clerk explained that in conversations with Ehlers this should be looked at in 2019 as it needs to be implemented into the budget for rental income and not to mention there would need to be more expenses to offset. After discussion on options it was then noted the free rentals need to come to an end; it is costing the city/fire department money in the end. Jaeger noted that the retired Fire Fighters and current fire fighters should receive some type of a discount for the years of service they gave to the city of New Germany; possible ½ price. Council agreed there needs to be changes going forward but also feels it is to late this year for 2019 for the city to take over; not opposed to but it will need to be implemented into the 2020 budget in summer of 2019. Council also felt it is the city's interest to ask for liability coverage on the rentals; request certificate of insurance from the party renting the hall if it is not for a city function. City has no issues helping the Fire Department out as far as general requirements of renting hall, bookings and create a plan for the future.

8. 2019 Liquor License;

Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the 2019 liquor license for Heimey's Place (Jim & Ann Heimerl). The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving the 2019 liquor license for Down South (Southern Sands). The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded approving the 2019 liquor license for T-Road Tavern (T-Road Investments), unanimously. 4/0

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: none at this time.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Working on final blight letters. Complaint of a large dog in yard at Park Street East.

M. PUBLIC WORKS:

- Van Lith reported New Germany hosted a County meeting for all public works from other cities to attend on December 6, 2018. Van Lith reported information from the meeting; the county only uses treated salt no sand on the roads, more roundabouts coming to Carver County.

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- Bobcat door/parts final came and have been replaced.
- Van Lith explained that Camden will plow Hilda and 62nd for \$60 per road per time; Camden does not go out until there is 4" or more of snow. Council had discussion on the options. Ruschmeier moved and Turnquist seconded approving Camden plowing as needed, Van Lith is to work with Camden on a plan of action for snow plowing. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

N. PARKS REPORT: A double door cooler is needed for the concession stand at Lindstrom.

O. MAYORS REPORT: No report at this time.

P. CITY CLERK REPORT:

- Insurance refund dividend check was \$818.
- Alley has been recorded.
- Maetzold gave a verbal quote on back door; repair 200- 300, replace 2000.00- 2500.00.
- Fee schedule will be at next meeting on account of utility report not back yet; thinking 15% increase in water/sewer rates.
- January 2 is the next meeting.

Q. OLD BUSINESS: none at this time.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Turnquist asked for council's direction on the point of sale inspections; is photo documentation considered an approved method to determine if compliant. Council had discussion and it was determined when replacing sewer lines with new it would be considered compliant documentation method.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded adjourning the meeting at 8:14 PM. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer