

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – DECEMBER 20, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on December 20, 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 Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, and Nick Hartwig, absent was Cathy Ruschmeier. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: Nothing at this time.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approval of the agenda. The motion carried, all in favor.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approval of the December 6, 2016 Council minutes. The motion carried, all in favor.

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Officer Stahlke issues citation to camper in violation. The other campers are compliant.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Monday night the Department finished their First Responder refresher training class.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,426,782.86. This includes the CD account of \$47,657.77. Included in the report were the County settlement, 2017 bond payment information and the monthly bank reconciliation. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving the Treasure report. The motion carried, all in favor.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Will give Hartwig time to review and come back to claims. Council came back to claims after the Treasure report. Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approving the claims in the amount of \$15,333.65. The motion carried, all in favor.

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: There was an issue with a frozen line in WTP and Lee Ortloff thawed out, no issues since.

J. 1. UFC, Jeff Nielsen was present to discuss the UFC site located on Broadway Street East. UFC has begun with the dismantling of the small buildings, scale, cement pit, and the red cement poles in lot; the cost of the demolition is around \$5,500.00. UFC would like to know if the City is planning on moving forward with the purchase of the pole building and if they would contribute anything towards the demolition fees. The City is requesting a receipt of where the debris is being hauled; Council and UFC had a discussion on the amount the City would contribute to the demo. The City would be responsible for the lease contract with the County as the building resides on County Property, the City will also need to reestablish electric to the pole building, and UFC will come up with the purchase agreement after negotiations are met. Hartwig moved and Jaeger second to allow \$2500.00 towards UFC demolition fees. The motion carried, all in favor.

Jeff Nielsen informed Council they will supply a disposal manifest and get started on the purchase agreement and will let Marty at County know of the proceedings.

2. Troy Schuette with Elite and Tom Chovan with Republic Services were present to discuss with the City on the recent buy out of Elite. Elite is being purchased by Allied Waste Services of North America and Republic is a subsidiary of Allied. Troy went on to explain that nothing will be changing for awhile, same trucks, same employees, and same contract. It does state in the contract in a buyout they do need the City's permission and that is why they are here, they would like the Council's approval and consent. Tom explained their company has been in business since 1948; they are in the twin cities, 500 employees and also have the national stigma. They are still a local company but have the backing of the large nationwide company. Jaeger requested they supply the City with a recycling calendar. Council and Elite and Allied/Republic continued discussion. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second Resolution 2016 – 21 Resolution to Consent to Assignment of Contract. The motion carried all in favor.

3. Council discussed replacing the basement furnace (20 plus years old) and reviewed quote from Hollywood Heating. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second replacing the furnace in the amount of \$3,980.00. The motion carried, all in favor.

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4. Council discussed Bolton and Menk fee schedule and engineer services. Council voiced concerns after the project that they felt should have had some type of warranty and there was not; sidewalks, pipes settling just to name a few. City still is having I & I issues and Council overall was not satisfied with the one year warranty. Council questioned is there an official Engineer contract with Bolton and Menk or is it always just this fee schedule. Hartwig moved and Jaeger second to approve the Bolton and Menk fee schedule for 2017. The motion carried, all in favor.

5. Year End internal transfers;

Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving the transfer of \$10,000.00 from the General fund into the Seal Coat Capital Fund. The motion carried, all in favor.

Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving the transfer of \$500.00 from the General fund into the Furniture Capital Fund. The motion carried, all in favor.

Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approving the transfer of \$3,500.00 from the general fund into the Parks Capital Fund. The motion carried, all in favor.

Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approving the transfer of \$10,000.00 from the General Fund into the Public Works Equipment Fund. The motion carried, all in favor.

Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving the transfer of \$5,000.00 from the General Fund into the Building Equipment Capital Fund. The motion carried, all in favor.

Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving the transfer of \$1,000.00 from the General Fund into the Building Repairs Capital Fund. The motion carried, all in favor.

Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approving the transfer of \$500.00 from the General Fund into the Recognition Fund. The motion carried, all in favor.

6. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second Resolution 2016-17 A Resolution Approving the 2017 Meeting Schedule with the addition of the MN Region 7C Baseball Tournament dates. The motion carried, all in favor.

7. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second Resolution 2016-18 A Resolution Adopting Year 2017 General Fund Operating Budget for the City of New Germany. The motion carried, all in favor.

8. Jaeger moved and Turnquist second Resolution 2016-19 A Resolution Adopting Year 2017 Levy for The City of New Germany. The motion carried, all in favor.

9. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second Resolution 2016-20 A Resolution Approving the Transfer of General Funds in the amount of \$56,000.00 into the Water Fund. The motion carried, all in favor.

10. Resolution 2016-21 was approved in the Elite/Allied meeting.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Nothing to report.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: campers; issue was addressed in Sheriff Report.

M. PW REPORT: Mayor Van Lith reported on snow plowing. Council had discussion on Sump Pump issue flowing into the street and making things slippery for elderly; Van Lith should continue salting/sanding methods to help.

N. PARKS REPORT: Nothing at this time.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Van Lith reported on Electric Sign that can be purchased from the Howard Lake School. The agreed price is \$4000.00 reported Van Lith, Ram will take it down and bring to New Germany. The Commercial Club would contribute \$2000-2500 and possible the remaining funds from the Fire Department; Council had discussion. Council would like to move forward and supports the electric sign purchase.

P. CITY CLERK REPORT: Insurance dividend check was \$7,487.00.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council reviewed fee schedule for 2017. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving fee schedule changes. The motion carried, all in favor.

2. Council reviewed and updated the Organizational summary. Clerk will have updates for the January meeting.

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Q3. Data Privacy rates are \$164.00 per hour, thoughts were 5 -10 hours from Attorney; Council had discussion. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second to first contact Mayer if they have an up to date Data Privacy Policy and if not then move forward with the Attorney. The motion carried, all in favor.

R. NEW BUSINESS: nothing at this time.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Jaeger second to adjourn Council meeting at 9:00 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk