

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – DECEMBER 05, 2017

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting and Truth and Taxation Public Hearing was held on December 05, 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 Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, and Cathy Ruschmeier, and Nick Hartwig. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Karen Voz with MDH, Lee Orloff with People Service and David Wesen.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: David Wesen had questions on his property taxes.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Add J3. Liquor License and J4. Resolution 2017-16 to the agenda. Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving the agenda with additions of J3 and J4. The motion carried. 4/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded approval of the November 21, 2017 minutes. The motion carried, all ayes. 4/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Few issues with parked vehicles and snowfall; Officer Stahlke is addressing violators.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Fire Chief Dan Ruschmeier reported it is the Fire Department's recommendation to accept the letter of resignation from Jeremy Taylor. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the letter of resignation from Jeremy Taylor. The motion carried. All ayes. 4/0

Chief Ruschmeier reported they have received three new members; two of the members have completed everything, one has his agility left. Chief Ruschmeier recommends the City accept Alex Kurtz and Nicholas Erickson to the NGFD and Jacob Kemnitz pending his agility test. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded accepting recommendation of Chief Ruschmeier approving the new fire fighters Nicholas Erickson and Alex Kurtz to the NGFD. The motion carried. All ayes. 4/0

Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded the recommendation of Chief Ruschmeier approving Jacob Kemnitz to the NGFD with the exception of completing his agility test. The motion carried. All ayes. 4/0,

Chief Ruschmeier is hoping to get all three into the First Responder course at the same time.

Chief Ruschmeier reported on the election of officers for the NGFD as follows:

Chief 1 – Dan Ruschmeier
Assistant Chief – Ryan Goede
1st Captain – Dan Mielke
2nd Captain – Travis Kubasch
1st Lieutenant – John Lenarz
2nd Lieutenant – Craig Kahle
3rd Lieutenant – Dan Perrel
President – John Lenarz
Secretary – Ria Roland

Chief Ruschmeier recommends the above officers for the NGFD for the year of 2018. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the recommendation of NGFD officers for 2018. The motion carried. All ayes. 4/0

Chief Ruschmeier also informed Council that Jeremy Taylor was the Secretary for the Relief Association and was in his first year of the two-year term; Cole Midthun will be filling the remainder of the term.

66 Calls for the 2017 year.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,593,486.17, which includes the CD's balance of \$48,284.24. The Carver County Settlement information was included and reflects in the fund balance. Bond payments are scheduled for automatic withdrawal on December

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28 in the amount of \$39,065.50 for the 2013 C Bond, \$198,474.50 for the 2013 Water and Sewer Enterprise Bond. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, all ayes. 4/0

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded to approve the claims in the amount of \$22,616.19. The motion carried, all ayes. 4/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Lee Ortloff agreed to let Karen to go first on account of her drive.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Karen Voz with the MDH explained the Wellhead Protection Plan, part 1 to Council. Karen's presentation explained how they determine age of water, aquifer, if prone to contamination, depth, quantity of water, measurements to protect the quantity, quality and security of water system. Karen explained the process for part 2 and that will be assisted by Robyn Hoer with MN Rural Water, it should be a simple and straight forward plan. Karen explained the grant program if any wells would need sealing. Ortloff explained how the City's well 1 and 2 operate. Karen explained for cities under 500 this is a free service/plan and is good for 10 years and if there are minimal changes they would extend the plan. Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving Resolution 2017-14 Wellhead Protection Policy and Approval of Plan (Part 1). The motion carried. All ayes. 5/0 (Hartwig present).

Lee Ortloff gave his report on the copper lead test result. The state requires all samples come from pre-1982 homes with copper pipes; high copper is not in the City water. The City has all new pvc pipes not copper pipes, there is nothing wrong with the City water. Although it is the City's responsibility to inform the public and that is why everyone received the copper/lead brochure with their utility billing.

Ortloff went on to explain the waste water NPDES pond permit and the draft of the compliance schedule by Bolton and Menk; Council had a discussion. Ruschmeier moved and Hartwig seconded to have SEH proceed with the Waste Water NPDES pond permit. The motion carried. All ayes. 5/0

Ortloff and Council had a brief conversation on the tree removal at the waste water ponds.

Ortloff explained to Council that part of the People Service contract fees includes the 2018 Water Supply Plan; cost for Water Supply Plan from other firms were about 8 – 10,000.00.

Ortloff explained he has relocated and will no longer be able to assist as a NGFD reserve and will submit his letter of resignation; Van Lith noted the NGFD is aware of this and has also recommended Lee Ortloff be removed. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving Lee Ortloff to be taken off the NGFD reserves list. The motion carried. All ayes. 5/0

2. Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded approving Resolution 2017-15 A Resolution Approving the Polling Place for 2018. The motion carried, all ayes. 5/0

3. Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving 2018 Liquor License for Down South. The motion carried. All ayes. 5/0

Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving 2018 Liquor License for T-Road Tavern. The motion carried, all ayes. 5/0

Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the 2018 Liquor License for Heimey's Place. The motion carried. All ayes. 5/0

4. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded to approve Resolution 2017-16 A Resolution Approving the LG 55 Government of Approval or Acknowledgement for Use of Gambling Funds in the amount of \$1750 and to be used for the electronic sign control box. The motion carried. All ayes. 5/0

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: no building permit update.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: no complaints at this time.

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M. PW REPORT: Van Lith reported bobcat has been repaired. Van Lith gave Council a brief explanation on the findings from Henning's on curb; table until Spring 2018. Plowing first snow went well.

N. PARKS REPORT: Breakfast with Santa earnings were \$416. Jaeger gave report on Easter Egg Hunt date conflict; Easter Egg Hunt will be March 17. Jaeger reported Commercial Club is tentatively planning on music fundraiser on Friday evening February 16, Johnny Cash tribute band; waiting on conformation from band.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing at this time.

P. CLERKS REPORT:
Insurance property in open amounts have been increased on some areas; Council advised Clerk to confirm with Eric.
SEH will be meeting on December 19, 3:30 PM for tour of ponds, Water Treatment Facility and then will attend Council meeting.
Law had changed on any new or amendment of Ordinances; we now have to post in public places for 10 days prior to Council final adoption. Also new law for Small Cell Wireless and where they can put their equipment; Dean advises Council to post the LMC Ordinance in case of any arriving in the City as soon as available.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:
1. Turnquist presented Ordinance 101A and proposed changes as recommended by Planning Commission; presently it is posted at Bank, Post Office and Hall since November 29, 2017. Council reviewed the changes and Ordinance 101A will be presented at the December 19 meeting for final approval.

2. Van Lith reported that they will be working on sign area on December 16.

R. NEW BUSINESS:
1. Council reviewed the 2018 meeting schedule and discussed time and date changes; Clerk will update schedule as discussed.
2. Council reviewed the 2018 fee schedule and had discussion; Clerk will update fee schedule as discussed.
3. 4-H Shooting Sports schedule is every Thursday starting on January 4th and ending on April 26, from 6 – 9PM. They have purchased a shop vac to assist with clean up. Ruschmeier moved and Turnquist seconded approving 4-H Shooting Sports Schedule for 2018. The motion carried. All ayes. 5/0

S. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Van Lith moved to close the Truth and Taxation hearing at 8:42 PM. The motion carried. All ayes. 5/0

Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:42 PM. The motion carried, all ayes. 5/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer