

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – FEBRUARY 21, 2017

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on February 21, 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 Ty Turnquist, Shirley Jaeger, Cathy Ruschmeier, absent was Nick Hartwig. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Jerry Goede, Assistant Fire Chief Ryan Goede and Chief Ruschmeier.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: There were no additional comments from the audience.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded approval of the February 7, 2017 minutes. The motion carried, all were in favor.

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Council reviewed the monthly Sheriff report.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Nothing at this time.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,091,901.54, which includes the CD's balance of \$47,918.48. Transfers have been made into the Fire Department Truck and Building Capital Fund. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, all were in favor.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded to approve the claims in the amount of \$20,922.74. The motion carried, all were in favor.

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Mayor Van Lith and Lee Ortloff checked into the drain/pipe issue behind ASAP Business; they will continue to investigate after Lee returns from vacation.

J. 1. Commissioners will be here March 7, 2017.

2. Jerry Goede was here to discuss the 2018 Camden Township Fire Contract. Jerry explained they will not accept the contract payment options and they are only open to June and December payments; as they do not receive their funds until these months. Council and Jerry had a discussion on contracts; Ryan Goede also commented that the Fire Department can push things back to the later part of the year. In the future when purchasing large items that require a loan; loan payments could also be in the later part of the year. Mayor Van Lith stressed the City and the Fire Department wants to work with Camden. Cathy Ruschmeier explained the objective for the payments offered in the contract. Ryan Goede noted that he would like the City to accept the payment terms Camden is offering and also noted that it's not the Fire Department making this decision but it does reflect upon the Fire Department and to please keep that in mind. Jerry Goede stated the only issue with the contract is the dates; this is guaranteed money for the Fire Department. Jerry and Ryan Goede left and Council had a discussion; Turnquist mentioned it is understandable on payments, but we may need to implement an emergency payment clause in contract. Jaeger noted that we are such a small community that we need to work together. Turnquist also mentioned that the City needs to be able to afford; this cannot have any impact the residents. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded to table until the March 7 meeting for further discussion.

3. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the UFC Bill of Sale. The motion carried, all were in favor.

Chief Ruschmeier was now present; Mayor Van Lith gave Chief Ruschmeier a quick overview of the Camden meeting. Chief Ruschmeier mentioned that Cole Midthun may need to go on a medical leave; will know more in the next day or two.

4. Ruschmeier and Turnquist reported on the employee review the Personnel Committee had with the Clerk on February 21 prior to Council meeting. Clerk has completed her three year certification, organized, has performed well with the budget, and FMP, motivated builders in Black Forest, and overall

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has moved forward well. Personnel committee recommends a \$1 an hour increase, and adjustment if needed in July for healthcare increase; in the future of combining Clerk/Treasure would also impact wages. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the Personnel Committee recommendation of \$1 an hour increase effective February 3, adjusting healthcare if needed in July and revisit the Clerk/Treasure position when combined. The motion carried, all were in favor.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Grandstand and Press box for ball parks, Applewood picked up 2 permits today and will be submitting for two patio homes on Park Street East.

L. COMPLAINT LOG:

1. Generator is coming from 410 State Avenue S not 340 State Avenue S. Council would like letters sent to 5 residents who may be in violation; Clerk will send out letters.

M. PW REPORT: Van Lith is hoping the upcoming snow will miss us.

N. PARKS REPORT: Commercial Club meeting is March 27.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Van Lith did not have anything to report at this time.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Sr. Potluck day has been going very well. About 12-14 usually turn out, they do not approve the name of Sr. Potluck, they have picked out a new name; it is Oldies but Goodies.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Turnquist moved Ruschmeier seconded approving Resolution 2017-05 Data Privacy Policy. The motion carried, all were in favor.

2. Council reviewed Turnquist recommendations on Ordinance 101; this will be put on the agenda for the upcoming Planning Commission meeting on 03/20/17 @ 6 PM. There will be three things on the agenda for this meeting: Comp Plan Update, Ordinance 101, Parking Ordinance update.

3. There are around 40 homes left that have not been through the I & I inspections; Council would like a letter mailed to them with the deadline of March 9, if they have not been inspected by then they will receive a \$100 fine on March utility billing. Notify Camden Township by phone that they need to go through inspection.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:27 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

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