

## CITY COUNCIL HALL RENTAL WORKSHOP MINUTES – DECEMBER 10, 2018 – PAGE 1 OF 1

A CALL TO ORDER: The Hall Rental Workshop meeting was held on December 10, 2018 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, Cathy Ruschmeier and Nick Hartwig. Others present were: Fire Chief - Dan Ruschmeier, Fire Department Members - Dan Perrel, Cole Midthun, Ria Roland, Ryan Goede, City Clerk – Twyla Menth.

The Fire Department Chief and FD members explained why they think the City should be in charge of the rentals. The hall rental does not make any funds, many free events. The members present of the FD make up the Hall Committee - explained they use to hire this out to local establishment but they also no longer wanted to do the rentals, not enough funds to cover the time put in. The FD does the set ups for fountain pop, and whatever else may need to be done. FD feels like it is the time to close the doors; basically, renting to pay the cleaning. No funds for improvements that are much needed on the building, operating in the red. Fire Department does not know where else to go with it and that is why they are here discussing with the Council. Last year out of 28 booking/ 6 were paid for. Many concerns of liability issues and liquor, kitchen needs updates were to name a few of the things discussed.

Council and Fire Dept had a discussion on how the process worked in the past years; times have changed. Years ago, there was not all of rental options; now there is many noted Van Lith. Goede noted that the last rental the FD worked, they did not even make enough money to cover the keg. Perrel stated the first option; does the city want to do the rentals and if so, they may look at restructuring the rental rates. Does the city have the staff to work the rentals and hall updates or maintain the hall? Council and the Fire Dept had a discussion on surrounding cities with rental properties.

Perrel questioned what the ambulance agreement is; possibly ask them for a monthly rental fee that can be put towards some maintenance of the hall. Council felt they provide the city with a service. Discussions continued on the free use of the hall and how this should be addressed; everyone should pay was the census of the group present. Council will discuss this at the next Council meeting as no decisions can be made tonight.

It was also the overall feeling that the fountain pop should be discontinued; lines are old and fountain pop is expensive. Discussion the beer lines and kegerators. Look at bringing the bar to the hall and that bar would take on the liquor liability, discussion of can beer and it would be at the renter's discretion to provide.

Fire Department may look at rentals as a case by case if workers were needed; the rate was 4 workers @\$25 each. Perrel had some rate information that may be shared with the Clerk.

Clerk will put Hall Rental on the December 18 agenda.

Van Lith adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM.

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