

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – JANUARY 17, 2017

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on January 17, 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, absent was Nick Hartwig, and Cathy Ruschmeier. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: none.

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

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the January 3, 2017 minutes. The motion carried, all in favor.

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Sheriff's office e mailed the new statistics report; Council reviewed and will decide if they want it in every Council packet. Possible have one available the night of the meeting for those who want to review.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Nothing to report.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,062,294.36, which includes the CD's balance of \$47,657. Also included was the bank statement and 2016 yearend report, Council had a brief discussion on the Recognition fund. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, all in favor.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded to approve the claims in the amount of \$13,425.33. The motion carried, all in favor.

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Jaeger had a question if there was a water issue last week; excavator nicked a pipe when digging basement on Park Street East, was shut off for about ½ hour while repaired.

J. 1. Council reviewed the Comp Plan agreement; Planning Commission will have a meeting with Resource Strategies, Dean will update how things will proceed. A portion of the funds will be released in the next month according to Dean with Resource Strategies.

2. Council reviewed the Pay Equity Report that needs to be filed by January 31, 2017. Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approving the Pay Equity Report. The motion carried, all in favor. Turnquist questioned on combining the Clerk/Treasure and continue compiling information on this position, also the job description for clerk/treasure and part time office help or assistant. Clerk will talk to the League on and continue getting information on how to move forward, could also tie in with the annual employee review.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: nothing at this time.

L. COMPLAINT LOG:
1. Few complaints on snowmobiles; forward concerns to Sheriff.

M. PW REPORT: Van Lith had no report, everything has been going good. Turnquist brought up lawnmowers on highway 7 (Bad Boyz brand), the City should test several before making any decisions.

N. PARKS REPORT: Commercial Club meeting Monday night January 23, 7 PM.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing at this time.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Inquired into the Road Maintenance check from Carver County and Mike Legg informed me since the contract is not approved or done the County is honoring the fees associated with each City, this could be the last year the City will receive a payment.

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Possible attend a budget class on March 10, have not decided yet.

Spring Clean Up date is May 20, 2017 and the fall date is September 9, 2017. Council discussed if they are interested in the doing the fall date. Tires, electronics will all be increasing in price for the fall clean up. Council had discussion on spring and fall clean up.

Van Lith moved and Jaeger second to only have a spring clean up day on May 20, 2017. The motion carried, all in favor.

Notify Camden of the change and also put in newsletter.

4-H Shooting Sports will be hosting a Wildlife show on January 26, 6: 30 pm here at the Hall. They are in the process of getting certificate of insurance to the City. The fee is \$5 per person or \$10 per family pre registration is required, forms are available through 4-H or I have some in the office.

City street lights will be converted to LED in March of 2017.

Council reviewed e mail from Clay Montgomery on the Out lot B and C in Black Forest. City Attorney replied and pointed out that Clay was to deed these to the City as stated in the Developers Agreement and has advised Clay of this; Hubert (attorney) stated the only fees for the City will be the recording of the deed.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Working on the Data Privacy document.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Turnquist requested copy of the Sump Pump ordinance.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Van Lith moved and Jaeger seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk