

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – JANUARY 2, 2019

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held January 2, 2019 in the city council room of the New Germany City Hall. Mayor Van Lith called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., those present were: Mayor Van Lith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Cathy Ruschmeier Nick Hartwig (absent). Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members were: none.

Mayor Van Lith and Council Member Cathy Ruschmeier received their Oath of Office.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT- no comments

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of agenda. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded approval of the December 18, 2018 Council minutes as printed. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: No report.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mayor Van Lith reported the next meeting is January 8, 2019.

G. TREASURE REPORT:

- The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,457,481.67, which includes the CD's balance of \$49,013.46. The February Bond payments were included in this report. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0
- Online report for the year 2018; \$17,041.37
- Yearend reports were reviewed by Council.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims included the December and February bond payments and year end transfers. Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded approving the claims in the amount of \$249,362.55. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: 8 meters left to replace in the city; will order more meters and radio heads.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Council discussed the water rates for 2019; 2019 utility study was provided by Ehlers. Water base rate would increase by \$4.97 and per 1,000-gallon increase would be \$1.99. Sewer base rate would increase by \$5.22 and the 1,000-gallon increase would be \$2.24. These changes are implemented into the 2019 fee schedule as printed.

Resolution 2019-01 A Resolution Which Sets the Fee Schedule for the Year 2019 for the City of New Germany. Ruschmeier moved and Turnquist seconded approving the 2019 water/sewer rate increases as proposed by Ehlers and increases are included with in the 2019 fee schedule as printed. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

2. Resolution 2019 – 02; A Resolution Approving the Organization Summary for the City of New Germany for the Year 2019. Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier approving Resolution 2019 – 02. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

3. Resolution 2019 – 03 A Resolution of Transferring Funds; \$36,000 into Water Fund and \$15,000 into the Fire Department Truck/Building fund (repayment). Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving Resolution 2019–03 A Resolution of Transferring Funds. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

4. Council reviewed the letter from Ehlers on the Written Municipal Advisor Client Disclosure with the City of New Germany Pursuant to MSRB Rule G-42; Council had no issues with letter.

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- K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: none at this time.
- L. COMPLAINT LOG: Final blight letters have been mailed; if they do not become compliant it will be turned over to the county attorney.
- M. PUBLIC WORKS: Van Lith reported on plowing; garbage cans have been out in the street. Residents need to keep garbage cans closer to the curb or in the driveway or they will be hit by the plow. Discussion on sidewalks and best methods for deicing.
- N. PARKS REPORT: No report.
- O. MAYORS REPORT: No report.
- P. CITY CLERK REPORT:
- LGA, Small City Assistant and MV Ag Credit \$14,327.92 (second payment).
 - Clerk received next certification Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC).
 - In regards to the handheld and 2018 marked funds; City can leave in the Water and Sewer fund we do not need to earmark can be used for operational expense in the event something would happen with existing handheld.
- Q. OLD BUSINESS: Republic recycling schedule is off by a week.
- R. NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.
- S. ADJOURNMENT: Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded adjourning the meeting at 7:36 PM. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer