

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – JANUARY 3, 2017

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on January 3, 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, Nick Hartwig, and Cathy Ruschmeier. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Julie Aarsvold.

The meeting began with the official Oath of Offices; Mayor Van Lith and Council members Jaeger and Turnquist agreed and signed the Oath of Office.

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Add Resolution 2017-03 as J4 to the Agenda. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approval of Agenda with addition of J4. The motion carried, all in favor.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the December 20, 2016 minutes. The motion carried, all in favor.

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Sheriff's office will be starting with a new format of monthly reports in 2017.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Nothing to report.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,282,339.50, which includes the CD's balance of \$47,657. Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier second approving the Treasure report. The motion carried, all in favor.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded to approve the claims in the amount of \$193,666.57 (includes bond payments on 2013 C \$84,893.76, 2009 A \$36,259.38 and 2011 B \$27,830.00). The motion carried, all in favor. The automatic withdrawal on 12/28/16 for 2013 A Bond is \$39,148.00 and 2013 B is \$196,711.20, this amount is not included in the claims, will be on the bank reconciliation next meeting.

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Nothing at this time.

J. 1. Council reviewed the letter from Ehlers disclosing they are the City of New Germany's financial advisors for 2017. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier second approving Ehlers as the City of New Germany's financial advisor for the year 2017. The motion carried, all in favor.

2. Council reviewed the information from Metro West. Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier second approving Resolution 2017-01 the City fee schedule as presented. The motion carried, all in favor.

3. Ruschmeier moved and Turnquist second approving Resolution 2017-02 Organization Summary for the City of New Germany for the Year 2017. The motion carried all in favor.

4. Council had brief discussion on the \$17,500 the Fire Department is putting into the Fire Department Truck and Building Capital fund. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving Resolution 2017-03 A Resolution Approving the LG55 Government Approval or Acknowledgement for Use of Gambling Funds. The motion carried, all in favor.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: nothing at this time.

L. COMPLAINT LOG:

1. Few complaints on water discharged into the curb/street from sump pumps. Council discussed the issue and noted that the residents are in compliance by discharging the water to the curb and this is more of a neighbor issue not a City issue. Residents should address with their neighbor and come to a resolution; in the event it is flooding a street it may possible then be a City issue.

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M. PW REPORT: Council had discussion on findings of I & I inspections; I & I as of this time do not appear to be coming from illegal sump pump discharge, possible dye testing in spring. Council has decided to extend to extend the I & I inspections until February 15, 2017.

N. PARKS REPORT: Nothing at this time.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Van Lith reported the electronic sign has been delivered and is at the City shed.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Received check from Carver County for \$4,294.83 for maintenance appropriation.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. I received City of Mayer's Data Privacy Policy, sent to Hubert and he has informed me it is out of date and we should plan on doing a new one. Talked with Erin from Hubert's office who will be doing the Policy and she thinks we could possibly have a draft by next Council meeting for the Council to review.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

S. ADJOURNMENT: Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:36 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

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