

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – JULY 18, 2017

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on July 18, 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 Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, and Nick Hartwig, absent - Cathy Ruschmeier. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: no audience members.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: No audience members were present.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the July 5, 2017 minutes. The motion carried all aye. 4/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Council had discussion on monthly Sheriff Report. In the future just have one master copy available for viewing; cut down on paper costs.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief was not present, no report.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the general fund balance was \$1,370,753.11 which includes the two CD's in the amount of \$48,223.67. Also included was the monthly bank reconciliation and quarterly reports. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the Treasure report. The motion carried all aye. 4/0

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Hartwig moved and Jaeger seconded approving the claims in the amount of \$14,302.41. The motion carried all aye. 4/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Mayor Van Lith reported generator may need new battery. Clerk has been reviewing software options for Utility billing; new software has e mail capabilities, post card billing, which could decrease postage, cheaper than statements and no envelopes would be needed. Council continued brief discussion on newsletter and other options of mailing. Council would like Clerk to continue checking new software options.

J1. Council had discussion on the fees that will be associated with buying the sides (\$754) and controller (\$1750) for electronic sign. Fire Department is generously donating \$3,000.00 towards the sign and installation; would like quotes showing the prices. Commercial Club has committed to purchasing the sides. Labor and equipment will be donated by Hartwig, Eric Roepke, Kevin Horstman and Turnquist. City will be paying for materials only and any permits needed (electrical). Turnquist and Hartwig will meet and arrange an evening to start the project after locate is done, County will need to look at site approve before final placement of sign.

J2. Clerk's healthcare increased \$63.88 per month which would be .49 increases per hour. Council had discussion on wages; currently healthcare is converted into wages, checking with auditor if it can go back to being separated as it would simplify the process. Clerk's current wages are \$24 per hour, after healthcare (1.36 per hour) is taken out of wages the actual hourly pay is \$22.64 and with health care increase portion (.49) the wage would increase from \$24 to \$24.49 per hour. Monthly cost of health care is \$238.12 x 12 is a total of \$2857.44; the previous Clerk budget was \$4000. Mayor Van Lith moved and Jaeger seconded approving the .49 per hour health care wage increase. The motion carried all aye. 4/0

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: no new permits issued.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: RVs, camper trailers, trailers parked on Park Street East and a semi on State Avenue S; Clerk should send letters with the new Ordinance No. 85 A to the violators.

M. PW REPORT: Mayor Van Lith reported new lawn mower is working great.

New speed limit sign is in and 3 new stop signs; will be placing after locations are completed.

Storm drain cleaning has been delayed on account of Waconia Jet Vac truck is being repaired.

N. PARKS REPORT: Nothing at this time.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing more to report.

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P. CLERKS REPORT: Small Cities money – New Germany is receiving \$6,571.00 is to help with roadways.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Dean with Resource strategies has sent a letter and his draft of Ordinance 101 A; Council reviewed and Turnquist would like to continue reviewing until next meeting and requested People service have the lift station flow numbers for next meeting.

Letter from City Attorney Dave Hubert suggesting the City start thinking about codification of the City Ordinances; Council reviewed information.

Q2. Smoke house is coming for National Night Out; Chief Ruschmeier will be picking up. Check with County on blocking street.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Council would like to explore the option of different engineering companies; Invite Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc (SEH) Engineering Company to Council meeting, check with neighboring communities who they use for Engineering Services.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Van Lith moved and Jaeger seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. The motion carried all aye.
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Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk