

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – July 3, 2018

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council was held July 3, 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, absent were: Cathy Ruschmeier and Nick Hartwig. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members were: None.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: No audience members.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the agenda. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Jaeger moved and Van Lith seconded approval of the June 19, 2018 minutes. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: no report.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

1. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the Fire Department ball tournament strong temporary liquor license. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

G. TREASURE REPORT:

1. The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,221,349.23, which includes the CD's balance of \$48,590.30. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

2. The CD in the amount of \$23,197.15 is up for renewal on July 7, 2018. Clerk went through term and rate options. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving a 2 year or 24-month term and APR of 2.27% for the CD. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Elevator bill of \$2,210.49 was reduced to \$1,625.49. Memory Tree was fixed; was a transformer part \$64.36, donated labor and two more lights, replaced two lights on account of possible lightning hit. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving claims in the amount of \$76,036.27. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Council reviewed the Water/Sewer Ordinance and reviewed Clerk's concerns; Council had discussion on concerns. Council decided the Clerk may use her best judgement in extreme water cases.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Resolution 2018-14. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving Resolution 2018-14; A Resolution accepting a \$823.00 Donation from New Germany Baseball Club for Parks Supplies. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

2. Council reviewed the Carver County Prosecution contract surcharge rate for 2019, \$74.12; previous year was \$335.39. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded accepting the 2019 Prosecution contract surcharge rate. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

3. Council reviewed the information provided by Republic on recycling fees and the China Sword immediate impacts of the recycling industries. They are requesting the city to consider a .44 cent increase per recycle container; \$3.25 to \$3.69. Council will table until all members are present.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: none as of meeting.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Still having dog complaints on Park Street E and Black Forest Road; Carver County CSO (community service officer) will be patrolling these areas.

M. PW REPORT:

- Van Lith reported changed oil on mower and greased; 29 hours on new lawn mower.
- Van Lith reported he has been monitoring overgrown lawns; letters will be going out if not addressed.

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### N. PARKS REPORT:

1. Council reviewed where Eric would like to place pole for Christmas lights by T-Road Tavern; Xcel no longer will accept lights attached to a distribution pole. Council had no issues with placing pole; get locate done prior to placing.

2/3. Jaeger explained the repairs needed on a fence at Ball park; safety issue. Two loads of Ag Lime will also be needed and Henning will do the fence repair and bring the Ag Lime. Jaeger suggested this be paid from the Park Capital Fund. Van Lith moved and Turnquist seconded approving the items to be dispersed from the Parks Capital Fund. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0  
Commercial Club will be donating funds towards chalk and painter and city will pay for Ag Lime.

### O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing to report at this time.

### P. CLERKS REPORT:

- AWAIR policy is ready; received all the forms needed from Michael Sewell, MN Municipal Utilities Association. The city does not need to implement the Employee Right to Know policy as we are under the employee number. Council had discussion on how to move forward if adopting policy. Do in baby steps, can be overwhelming; Steve would need to complete and identify the Hazard portion of the program. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the AWAIR Policy for the City of New Germany. The motion carried, unanimously.
- I updated the Council with employee information at a previous meeting; move forward with employee reviews for all employees, check with Cathy.
- Reminder Clerk will be off on Thursday, July 5 and Monday July 9.
- PC meeting will be 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in August 28 at 6 PM.
- Clerk will have no health insurance increase this year.
- Software for message board is a 90-day free trial; purchase after trail.

### Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council decided they will not replace the WTP light at this time; have Eric dismantle or cap the existing light.

2. Arrow lift charges \$385 for coming out to evaluate the elevator; if you purchase through them you will receive \$385 discount on services. Council agreed to have them come out and evaluate the elevator.

### R. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget Workshop date – July 24, 2018, 7 PM.
2. Consent from Frontier to upgrade to high speed internet along county road 33. Van Lith moved and Jaeger seconded the Frontier consent form. The motion carried, all in favor.
3. Turnquist was questioning if the lots at Trophy Lakes can be taxed recreational; Clerk will check into.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:55 PM. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

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