

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – JULY 5, 2016

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on July 5, 2016 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 were Nick Hartwig and Cathy Ruschmeier. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Fire Chief Dan Ruschmeier and Center Point Energy representative.
- B. CITIZEN COMMENT: There were no additional comments from the audience.
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Resolution 2016-10 Election Judges will need to be added to the agenda. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of agenda with addition. The motion carried, all in favor.
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the June 21, 2016 minutes. The motion carried, all in favor.
- E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Nothing at this time.
- G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,112,214.96 which includes the CD's in the amount of \$47,657.77. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving 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 \$53,381.93. The motion carried, all in favor.
- I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Nothing at this time, Lee will be at next meeting to present the quarterly report.
- J. 1. Council had discussion of placement of welcome to New Germany signs. After a lengthy discussion, including how deep the poles would be placed into the ground and type of material that would be used they decided to table until the rest of the Council members are present. Council would like the Clerk to find out the permit fee if they would place on County land and if it would need to be landscaped.
2. Council discussed the new Temporary Family Healthcare Dwelling law that will come into affect September of 2016. Council had a discussion if they think it could or would be an issue in New Germany. The State is allowing an opt out option but would require public hearing; Council decided to table until rest of Council members are present and more information is available from Resource Strategies.
3. Clerk Menth explained her healthcare insurance will be increasing on July1, 2016. The City reimburses \$116.58 per month, new rate is \$174.24 per month; difference of \$57.86. It comes out to be about .45 per hour increase in pay, based on a 32 hour work week. Clerk went through short term and long term disability numbers that is being offered through Ochs with the LMC. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the .45 per hour wage increase for healthcare premiums. The motion carried, all in favor. Council asked that the short term and long term be put back on the agenda under old business.
4. Copier contract is up for renew in December, Coordinated business has supplied two different options for a replacement copier. Council went through the copier options, one being black and white and the other having color option, there is a one-time lease documentation fee of \$79.50. Council reviewed information and had a discussion on printers. Turnquist would like to see if a code can be put on for the color option to keep the cost lower. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the color copier Oki MPS 4242 mcf. The motion carried, all in favor.
5. Baseball Club has filled out special permit for fireworks on August 6 at ball tournament. The fireworks would possible be ignited from the Fellowship Center, a licensed company would be performing the display of fireworks. Fireworks Company carries a 3 million insurance policy and the ball club will provide

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an insurance certificate with the City. Van Lith moved and Jaeger seconded approving the fireworks permit contingent on the certificate of insurance. The motion carried, all in favor.

6. Resolution 2016-10 Appointing Election Judges for Primary Election. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded Resolution 2016-10. The motion carried, all in favor.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 3 new homes, commercial siding, ac change out, re roof permit.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Nothing to report.

M. PW REPORT: Van Lith reported new public works employee is doing a great job. City of Waconia was here today; jet vacuuming the storm drain, all went well. There are a couple issues with two storm drains the one of Park by Hartwig and one on Broadway and Jefferson; cement/rock falling apart. Council would like the Clerk to check with Bolton and Menk as the one on Park was to have been repaired and let them know of the other storm drain issue.

N. PARKS REPORT: On July 23 they will start working on the Tennis Court renovation. Baseball Club has committed \$5,000; Commercial Club committed \$4,000 for the Press Box. Fire Department meets on July 11 and they will discuss the amount they are willing to commit to the project. Clerk submitted grant in the amount of \$7500. Baseball Club will be attending Fire Department meeting with gun fund raising plan for additional funds. Jaeger noted that Mark Strehlke is interested in being on the Commercial Club.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Van Lith noted need to start thinking about budget meetings for August.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Clerk Menth reported the fee for packer truck and men has increased significantly; this year the fee is \$1097.50 which also includes the new mandatory processing fees. Clerk has questioned why two men are needed and in the future if it can be one. Linda with Elite is checking higher up and will get back to Clerk. Clerk will wait on paying bill until she hears back from Linda. August 2 National Night Out from 6:30 – 8 PM, Council meeting will be August 3. Line up so far for NNO is Life Link, Scott Knight with horse buggy ride, ambulance, fire trucks and local resident Deputy Calvin Tschida and his canine unit. Clerk would like to work with Ehlers doing the FMP for her first time, left in budget is about 2099.00. Council has no issues with, Clerk will check with Ehlers on price.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council reviewed solar information on moratorium that was placed in the City drop box.

2. Planning Commission will be meeting on July 12, 6 PM – new application for Planning Commission.

R. NEW BUSINESS: nothing at this time.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Van Lith moved and Jaeger seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:37 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk