

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – July 5, 2017

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on July 5, 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 Cathy Ruschmeier, absent -Nick Hartwig. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth and Fire Chief Dan Ruschmeier. Audience members present were: Julie Aarsvold, and Jim & Jody Wabbe.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: Jim and Jody Wabbe were present to discuss their current septic system and informed Council they will need to replace the failing septic system. Council informed them this is done through Carver County and did not see any issues. City water and sewer is not available to the Wabbe property as of this time Council noted. Wabbe's also discussed with Council the possibilities of subdividing their land.

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 Ruschmeier seconded approval of the June 20, 2017 minutes with the correction of the tree that needs to be replaced is on the east end of the boulevard not the west. The motion carried all aye. 4/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Nothing at this time.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Ruschmeier was present and requested Council to accept new Fire Fighter Jake Floer pending his agility test. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving Jake Floer to the New Germany Fire Department with the provision of passing his agility test. The motion carried all aye. 4/0

Ambulance hit garage door again and RMC will send their maintenance person over to review garage door and opener. After reviewing they might put in an entry pad instead of garage door opener, this will be the cost of RMC.

Chief Ruschmeier reported they have a Hall Committee and are looking at rekeying; to many keys out there and the list is large.

G. TREASURE REPORT: Renewal of CD was discussed; Council went over options. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving renewing the CD with the 12 month term. The motion carried all aye. 4/0

The Treasury report noted that the general fund balance was \$1,367,752.84 which includes the two CD's in the amount of \$48,223.67. City received the first half of County Settlement on July 3 in the amount of \$242,672.91, which is included in the above figure. Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded approving the Treasure report. The motion carried all aye. 4/0

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the claims in the amount of \$55,099.80. The motion carried all aye. 4/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Ordered replacement bulbs for Water Tower light. Turnquist noted the light is working on the Water Tower.

J1. Ruschmeier explained to Council the Personnel Committee meeting to discuss the two applications received for the part time Office Assistant; Personnel Committee used a 6 point scoring process on the applications. Ruschmeier noted that Connie Stahlke meets 5 of the 6 points and it was the Personnel Committee recommendation to offer the position to Connie Stahlke. Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded approving Connie Stahlke for the Part Time Office Assistant. The motion carried all aye. 4/0

J2. Mayor Van Lith explained the lawn mowers tested and the likes and dislikes of each model. Van Lith went through the quotes the received on the mowers; Lano Equipment \$5399.00 with trade in allowance Ferris model, Bob's Repair \$5653.00 with trade in allowance Hustler model and also offers a \$900 yearly trade in program, UFC Farm Supply \$5923.24 Xmark model with trade in allowance and offers \$1000.00 yearly trade in (under 200 hours), Hutchinson Yamaha dealer \$7937.00 with trade in allowance Bad Boys model (did not have any to test). Van Lith narrowed it down to Lano Equipment and Bob's Repair; Council discussed the trade in program and the travel time and wait time for parts. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving purchasing the Hustler model from Bob's repair for \$5653.00 with the optional trade in program of \$900 per year. The motion carried all aye. 4/0

J3. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the New Germany Fire Department temporary strong beer liquor license. The motion carried all aye. 4/0

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K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: no new permits issued.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Complaint of blight in backyard at 330 Camden Avenue S in now compliant.

M. PW REPORT: Mayor Van Lith reported Henning's has repaired the water shut off valve at the Baseball Park.

Van Lith also reported that Tom Wishnack has a tree that was about the same size of the dead tree on the east end of the boulevard, will take a larger spade to plant the tree; Tom will get a quote for the City.

N. PARKS REPORT: Donation from Mayer Lutheran and one other donation from renting covered shelter for graduation party.

Turnquist and Van Lith will be meeting to stake the placement of electronic sign; process will be to stake, call in locate, call out County for final inspection.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing more to report.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Bicycle ride will be going through New Germany on July 9 and 10th; 500 mile ride.

City Attorney informed me that we can solicit at any time for Engineer Services or RFP. Current Liquor Ordinance amends with state laws, we do not need to do anything unless you do not want to allow Sunday off sale.

They will be starting seal coating on County Road 33 and then will be moving to County Road 30 the end of July or into the first week of August depending on weather, one lane road with flaggers. County Road 30 project will be starting July 10, watch for detours.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Dean with Resource Strategies is still reviewing.

2. No Pc meeting on July 12. Radde had a deadline with Melouche and Melouche has not met the deadline as of this time.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM. The motion carried all aye. 4/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk