

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – JUNE 19, 2018

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council was held June 19, 2018 in the city council room of the New Germany City Hall. Mayor Van Lith called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., those present were: Mayor Van Lith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, Cathy Ruschmeier, absent were: Ty Turnquist and Nick Hartwig. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members were: Julie Aarsvold, and Jim Wabbe.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: Jim Wabbe discussed the option of selling his building site and 6-7 acres and keeping the Ag farm land, he will be having the land surveyed, updating mound system as no city sewer and water are available. Council had no issues with any of Jim Wabbe requests. Clerk is to check with Resource Strategies and report to Wabbe on the findings. No other comments.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded approval of the June 5, 2018 minutes with the correction of Turnquist to Ruschmeier in S. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Monthly Sheriff report was available for review.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mayor Van Lith reported the Lucas unit was in and they have had training on the equipment.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,285,594.30, which includes the CD's balance of \$48,590.30. The monthly bank reconciliation was also included. Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Clerk will be disputing some fees on the elevator bill, this amount possible could be lower. Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving claims in the amount of \$22,420.84. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Henning's quote for the sewer pond ring placement is \$5,200. Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded approving the Henning quote of \$5,200 for repairs on the wastewater ponds. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

Clerk reported on Xcel energy and all the power outages; discussed concerns of lack of power to operate the lift station with Xcel representative Scott Johnson. People Service has overtime fees with all the alarms and lack of power to operate the lift station. Public works has been going through more diesel fuel for the generator to operate the lift station as well.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Mayor van Lith and Council members reviewed the solar subscription information provided by Ben Ransom.

2. The LMC has provided a general industry sample of an Employee Right to Know policy. The city currently does not have anything in place and with all the OSHA guidelines it is a best practice for the city. Council requested the Clerk to have policy available and ready for the next council meeting.

3. LLMC also helped with preparing an AWAIR (A Workplace Accident & Injury Reduction Program) for the City of New Germany; this is a safety manual. The city does not have anything in place. Steve Van Lith and Rick Todd do attend the monthly safety meetings at the City of Waconia; meetings are for all of Carver County cities.

Council has requested to bring these both back on the July 3, 2018 meeting.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: siding of garage on State Avenue S.

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 and if an owner can be found of a dog running at large a citation may be issued.

M. PW REPORT:

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- Van Lith reported it has been very wet; trying to keep up with the mowing.
- Van Lith reported he has been in contact with Wilson nursery in regards to the tree replacement on the south east end of Broadway Street East; they assured Van Lith they will plant the tree this fall.

N. PARKS REPORT: No report.

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

P. CLERKS REPORT:

- More training on elections this year on account of new equipment; I will post the date/time on the door when I am attending training or election administration meetings. In 2020 it sounds like they will be adding a Presidential Primary in March. Election would consist of the following dates; March primary, August primary and the general in November in the year 2020. This additional Primary would add more expense for the city.
- Historical Society would like to know if the City would be interested in partnering with them to purchase more 125th anniversary books; cost is \$10 per book for quantity of 10 or \$9 per book for quantity of 20. Council decided to purchase the 10/\$10 per book and split fees and books with Historical Society.
- Clerk questioned if the Council had any issues with Haila Maze and Dean Johnson with Resource Strategies making any changes to the County Comp Plan on behalf of New Germany; Council had no issues.
- Software program for the message board is \$300; Council agreed to order the software.
- They are running behind on the fiber optic schedule on account of late spring and wet summer.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Received the estimate from E J Rudd on the city portion of the survey for the alley by T-Road; the cost is \$500 - \$600. Clerk checked with City Engineer Justin Black and he thought this was a very fair price and recommended moving forward. Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded approving E J Rudd to complete the city portion of the T-Road alley survey with the fees ranging from \$500 - \$600. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

2. Water Treatment Plant light – there is a light above the exit door on the outside, no further discussion.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Elevator – not functioning and is no longer in operation. The company came out to replace the part and they did successful replace the part, however after replacing it was still not operating correctly. The main concern was you can open the middle door at any level the elevator is at; this is unsafe and a safety hazard. After reviewing, it was found the elevator is not compliant and is in need of additional electrical repairs. The company was not willing to move forward with any additional repairs on account of the non-compliant and would not assume any liability for the unsafe elevator. It was the company's advice to not use the elevator and the keys have been pulled from the switches and it is in non-operating mode. Council would like to get some quotes to see what the modifications if any can be done to bring the elevator compliant and also look at what other options are available for the elevator. It was also very challenging to get any parts for this elevator; obsolete. Clerk checked with city engineer on what the compliance for the city is in regards to handicap; we are okay as far as attending meetings as we do have the handicap window option to be open for the Council chambers and the door could always be left open for time being.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer