

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – JUNE 20, 2017

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on June 20, 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, Cathy Ruschmeier, and Nick Hartwig. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Julie Aarsvold, and Lori Goebel.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: Lori Goebel was present to discuss when the 10 MPH speed limit sign entering Lindstrom Park would be installed. County is making sign, will be installed when the City receives it.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the agenda. The motion carried all aye. 5/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the June 6, 2017 minutes. The motion carried all aye. 5/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Council reviewed the monthly Sheriff report.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Nothing at this time.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the general fund balance was \$1,159,913.60 which includes the two CD's in the amount of \$48,223.67. Also included were the monthly bank statement reconciliation and the Parks Capital Fund reconciliation. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving the Treasury report. The motion carried all aye. 5/0

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving the claims in the amount of \$26,134.28. The motion carried all aye. 5/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Two stuck meters; replaced.

J1. Treasure Ron Stahlke has submitted his resignation letter effective June 30, 2017. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded accepting Ron Stahlke Treasure of the City of New Germany resignation letter effective June 30, 2017. The motion carried all aye. 5/0

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: no new permits issued.

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

M. PW REPORT: Mayor Van Lith report a vehicle hit water shut off valve at Ball Park on Sunday and Henning's were called out to inspect the damage; Henning's will repair.

Tom Wlshnack will be sending salesman out for dead tree in the Boulevard on the east end of the City; Commercial Club would possibly pay for tree.

Mayor Van Lith reported they have tested three lawn mowers and looked at a fourth. The lawn mowers that were tested were; Hustler from Bob's Repair of Mayer, Xmark from UFC of Waconia, Ferris from Lano Equipment of NYA, looked at a Bad Boy from Yamaha dealer in Hutchinson (did not have a mower to test). Van Lith went through the likes and dislikes of the mowers; the cut on new mowers is considerable improvement from the current City mower. Two of the companies have yearly trade in programs starting at \$900 and the highest going to \$1,000.; this is something Van Lith would like the City to consider. Van Lith will have all the quotes back by the July 5 meeting and would like Council to make a decision at that meeting; Van Lith would like the new mower in place by tournament time.

N. PARKS REPORT: Council had discussion on the electronic sign and the electrical needs to power the sign. County has approved the permit.

Three games in Ball Park this past Sunday and they will continue on Thursday evenings.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing more to report.

P. CLERKS REPORT: County will possible be moving speed limit sign on County Road 33 North.

City of New Germany has received a new Xcel Energy representative; Scott Johnson.

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Clerk will be taking a vacation day July 3, 2017.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council reviewed and discussed Clerk-Treasurer wages. At this time the City Clerk is paid \$21.86 per hour which includes healthcare reimbursement. Clerk informed Council her healthcare will be increasing in July approximately \$30 - \$35 per month. Clerk has completed her MCMC certification; Council continued reviewing the surrounding City Clerk-Treasurer wages. Van Lith moved and Jaeger seconded to increase the City Clerk – Treasurer wages effective July 1, 2017 to \$24.00 per hour. The motion carried all aye. 5/0

Council reviewed and discussed the part time office assistant wages, hours are to be 10 – 12 per month; after discussion it was determined the wage for the part time assistant would be \$12 per hour. Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded the part time Office Assistant wages will be \$12.00 per hour. The motion carried all aye. 5/0

2. Dean is returning from out of the country and should have Ordinance completed by next meeting.

. R. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Planning Commission meeting dates will be either the 11, 12 of July; schedule with Meloche and Radde.

2. Update on National Night Out; scheduled the smoke house, need fire fighters to help run, Sheriff or Sheriff Posse will be present, pony and Council suggested contacting Stacy for face painting.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Hartwig seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM. The motion carried all aye. 5/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk