

NEW GERMANY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor VanLith called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following members present: Mayor Steve VanLith, Ty Turnquist, Nick Hartwig and Shirley Jaeger. Absent was Cathy Ruschmeier. Also present was fire chief, Dan Ruschmeier.

CITIZENS COMMENT: No citizens comments

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Was noted that Resolution 2019-04 needed to be added to the Agenda. On motion by Ty Turnquist, second Shirley Jaeger and passed approving the Agenda with the addition of the Resolution.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: On motion by Shirley Jaeger, second Ty Turnquist and passed accepting the Council Minutes of February 19, 2019 as printed.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Deputy Joe will be training another officer for the next weeks and needs to work some evenings. He will be starting this on March 5 from 3:00PM to 11:00 PM. The sergeant or corporal will cover this area as needed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Contracts were presented for the city and two townships. Some numbers still need to be adjusted so no action was taken on the contracts. Was noted that the last payment was made on the 2009 fire engine tanker truck. Mr. Turnquist suggested that we be more proactive in planning ahead for items such as turnout gear, pagers, etc. A new truck/SCBA committee was started last night at the fire department meeting.

TREASURER REPORT: The report was reviewed showing a balance of \$1,274,177.38 which includes two CD's in the amount of \$49,147.42. On motion by Ty Turnquist, second Nick Hartwig and passed accepting the Treasurer Report as printed.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Bills had been gone through, on motion by Ty Turnquist, second Shirley Jaeger and passed approving the claims as presented.

SEWER/WATER REPORT: A resident has had a large usage of water during this last period. The meter reading went from about 2100-2200 to 24,680 gallons of water used. People Service is investigating this, also the resident will continue checking all his appliances. No penalty fees will be assessed during this investigation. The clerk will check with them when she returns to see if they have discovered anything amiss.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: In regard to the LTD Broadband installation of equipment on the water tower, the clerk had checked with SEH, they did not see any issues with this and thought \$600.00 per year was fair compensation. Council decided that they would like LTD Broadband to attend the next meeting if possible.

Resolution 2019-04, a resolution approving the LG55 government approval or acknowledgement for use of gambling funds in the amount of \$10,000 are to be used for future truck and building fees for the New Germany Fire Department. On motion by Ty Turnquist, second Nick Hartwig and passed approving this resolution.

BUILDING PERMITS UPDATE: Basement finish at 725 Black Forest Road.

COMPLAINT LOG: None at this time

PUBLIC WORKS: Steve had met with Michael Sewell with MMUA Safety Team and have checked out the city shed, fire hall and city hall. There were several issues that need to be addressed, some minor, some that may take a little extra time and dollars. Steve will get a list prepared for council review. Steve also felt that if this winter weather continues, he will need more sand and fuel.

PARKS REPORT: The Commercial Club Minutes and Treasurer's Report were available for Council to scan. Nothing else to report.

MAYORS REPORT: Nothing to report

CITY CLERK REPORT: The clerk has again applied for a CDA grant in the amount of \$7500.00 for wastewater facility plan. We were awarded the grant.

The clerk also did submit a report to the State through the LMC to continue lobbying for Small City Assistance; how Small City Assistance impacts a small rural city like New Germany who is in need of this program and the assistance it provides a small rural city, hopefully it continues.

Completed the Safety Data Sheets and AWAIR (A workplace accident and injury reduction program) books for all departments of the city and they will have in place in their areas.

The clerk also submitted a request to Camden for plowing 62nd Street west for this snow season in writing (email).

The blight issue on 480 Park Street East is in the County Attorney hands; Deputy Joe can give a quick update at the next meeting.

The clerk has put a caution sign on the utility drop box on the outside of the hall due to the extremely large icicles. There is a company in Hutchinson that can work on this issue if desired.

Website is close to being complete for ADA compliance.

The clerk will begin working on a list of goals as suggested during the review.

OLD BUSINESS: None discussed

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by Nick Hartwig, second Ty Turnquist and passed adjourning the meeting at 7:58PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Shirley Jaeger
Minutes taken by councilor in absence of City Clerk