

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – MAY 1, 2018

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held May 1, 2018 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, absent were: Cathy Ruschmeier, and Nick Hartwig. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members were: Kevin Grove, Kevin Latzig, Paul Engelhart, Julie Aarsvold, Matt Mueller, and Brian Klingelutz.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: Engelhart would like the grass area that was damaged from snow plowing repaired. Van Lith noted he is aware of it and is planning on getting to it soon. Engelhart also questioned when the tree on the east end of the Boulevard, south side of Broadway will be replanted; Van Lith will inquire with Wilson nursery.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the April 17, 2018 minutes. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

2. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the April 24, 2018 Planning Commission 2040 Comp Plan Public Hearing minutes. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: The medicine take back on April 28 was a success; three large boxes of medication were collected. Thank You to all that helped.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Ruschmeier was not present.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,256,867.55, which includes the CD's balance of \$48,284.24. Clerk included the General, Water and Sewer quarterly reports. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving claims in the amount of \$12,824.05. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Council reviewed a water tower cleaning and inspection quote from Maguire Iron, Inc. Turnquist had some questions on disposal of products used; will find out the answer or see if they are available to attend a meeting.

Clerk reported water shut off is scheduled; delinquent account, was protected under cold weather rule until April 15.

Turnquist explained the sewer laterals he reviewed are only for Black Forest and Clerk has requested the rest of the sewer lateral from Bolton and Menk; Bolton and Menk has them on a thumb drive and will be providing to the city.

Van Lith reported Henning will be repairing two sewer lines on State Avenue S this Saturday; discussion on who should be certifying the connection. Clerk will find out if People Service is available to certify the connection for city accountability.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. PC (Planning Commission) recommends to Council the new Planning Commission applicant: Lois Jopp. Council had a discussion on how many members and no resignations have been received. Jaeger moved and Van Lith seconded accepting the application and then Van Lith rescinded his second and the motion failed. Turnquist asked that the complete PC rules are available for the May 15 meeting, table the application until May 15.

2. PC recommends the approval of the 2040 Comp Plan land use with the following changes:

A. MN Inboard land to the south that they purchased from the City of New Germany shows it is institutional and this should be changed to Industrial/Utility, this is the recommendation from the PC.

B. The land that is referred to as the Montgomery Land (directly in front of the City Hall and to the east of the houses that are located on east side of county road 33 S) It is the recommendation of the PC to leave this as Agriculture in the future land use map in the 2040 Comp Plan and entertain Council on amending the Solar Ordinance pertaining to wholesale solar in Agriculture.

C. Manning Street lots that MN Inboard currently has a purchase agreement on; it is the PC recommendation to leave as the 2040 future land use map has it Industrial/Utility. MN Inboard proposed

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five-year plan; they are exploring the constructing 4 additional buildings on the Manning Street lots. Turnquist noted this is more of an industrial area than a single-family home area, even though it is stubbed for four water/sewer connections. Discussion on buffer areas that will be needed as it is adjacent to single family homes.

D. PC recommendation that the Lois Jopp property will remain as mixed use as in the 2040 Comp Plan future use. Turnquist explained that Lois was asked several times if there were any issues or if she would like it to remain as single family in the current comp plan; Lois denied the single family and was fine with the mixed use.

Motion made by Van Lith and Jaeger seconded to accept the PC recommendations of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan future land use. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded Resolution 2018 -10 A Resolution Approving The Draft New Germany 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update for Affected Jurisdictions And Metropolitan Council Review with changes as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Siding permit.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Written complaint on potholes by water tower; Van Lith will be addressing.

M. PW REPORT: Van Lith reported lawn mower is ready; no need to service as the new one will be here shortly. Rick will be starting in the next few weeks.

N. PARKS REPORT: Jaeger reported games have started. Set up for the May 19 event is the night prior; plan on holding 50 tickets back for the night of the show. Men's league was thought to be on May 24th, check with Eric.

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

P. CLERKS REPORT:

Ehlers is completing the continuing disclosure reports on the following bonds; 2009 A and 2011 B. Ehlers has recently reviewed the bonds and refinancing options; no savings as of April 24, they will continue to monitor.

Questions on seal/chip coating bids; move forward and get quotes for seal coating the roads that are scheduled for 2018.

Clerk informed Council where the Hall Rental information is located.

Election E Pollbooks are to run about \$125 per poll book; recommendation is two poll books. Everything is in the process at County, things could change as everything moves forward.

Clerk has updated the records retention book. Clerk and Connie Stahlke will be spending some days in the archive room cleaning out no longer need items; following the records retention rules. Clerk informed Council she has started dating documents with destruction dates to help make the process easier; everything is recorded as things are destroyed in the record retention log. The archive room is full; does not look like much has ever been destroyed.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. WTP Light-No quote received on the Water Treatment Plant; keep on agenda until received.
2. Alley – no new information.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Turnquist mentioned with approving the Planning Commission changes the Council needs to research and review the current Solar Ordinance to conform with the future land use; Solar Ordinance will be included in the May 15 meeting.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:58 PM. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer