

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – MAY 15, 2018

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held May 15, 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: Justin Black with SEH, Kevin and Kathy Rittgers, and Joe Lemmerman with T-Road.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: No comments.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the May 01, 2018 minutes. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

2. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the May 01, 2018 Planning Commission Special meeting minutes. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Monthly Sheriff report was available for review. Running at large dog issues; CSO is patrolling trying to catch a problem dog.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Ruschmeier was on a training burn and will present information on the auto pulse that is in need of repairs at the next meeting. Center Point grant for \$2,000 was awarded to the Fire Department.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,262,111.73, which includes the CD's balance of \$48,590.30. Clerk included the April bank statement reconciliation. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving claims in the amount of \$12,459.95. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Clerk reported on the water tower cleaning from Maguire Iron, Inc.: no disposal of products in a cleaning, standard verbiage in their contracts. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the Maguire Iron, Inc., quote of \$2,250 for cleaning of the city water tower. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

1. Council reviewed the quarterly report provided by People Service.

2. Council reviewed the three-year contract proposal from People Service. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded the People Service contract as prepared. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Joe Lemmerman was present to discuss the alley that is located directly to the north of T-Road. Joe explained to Council his findings of ownership of the Alley; Joe would like the City to be the owner of the Alley and has no intention to close the alley. Discussions continued of how the alley runs and where the possible property lines are; maps were also reviewed. It is not in the best interest of the City to be maintaining or plowing over private property; this should be addressed and finally cleared up was the Council's input. After a lengthy discussion, including input from the Rittgers and the City Engineer, Justin Black it was then decided that Lemmerman should move forward with this survey and establish his pins so he can move forward with his building permit for the patio area. Justin explained this can be done in steps, Joe can take the first step and we can address in stages. Discussion on cost sharing was addressed and at this time nothing was decided other than they T-Road would be responsible for their survey. Lemmerman did not provide prices of what he thought the survey would run; survey companies were discussed. Justin Black noted the process would be to obtain boundary survey and then dedicate the alley to the city and everything would be reviewed by the city attorney. When completed everything would need to be recorded at the county. Surveyor has to be a licensed surveyor and they would set the property pins, surveyor could also provide the cost share split for private and city. Lemmerman will move forward with his survey and patio project and city will keep researching. Rittgers also had no use for the alley.

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2. Justin Black gave an update of the wastewater permit facility plan for New Germany. Karen Cavett has been working on the phosphorus issues; possibility of purchasing credits from Lester Prairie is being explored. Meeting with MPCA, Lester Prairie on May 29th to discuss the options if any. Wastewater flows were high again; contributing to I/I issues. The facility plan will be completed in two stages allowing more time to secure funding. Justin explained the three agreements that he is looking for Council's approval on.

- Master agreement – this would be to utilize the professional services of Consultant. Jaeger moved and Turnquist questioned billing methods, after discussion Turnquist seconded approving SEH Master Agreement. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0
- Supplement to the Master Agreement establishing funds that will be spent or not to exceed the amount of \$6000 for 2018; they would need to inform city when \$6,000 is used. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the Supplement to the Master Agreement with SEH. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0
- Facility Plan – This plan would be for the wastewater plan in the amount of \$16,300; grant funds of \$7500 and marked in the budget is 8,800 for phosphorus issues. Jaeger moved and Van Lith seconded approving the Facility Plan for the wastewater facility. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 1 – fence permit.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Dogs running at large in the Park Street East and Black Forest area; CSO will be patrolling looking for offenders.

M. PW REPORT: Van Lith reported volunteers needed for clean- up day on May 19 at the City shed; Turnquist and Jaeger have volunteered. Street sweeping the City streets was done today; County will be sweeping Broadway and County Road 33.

N. PARKS REPORT: Jaeger reported the musical event on May 19 is sold out; approximately 400 tickets have been sold. Set up will begin Thursday night for the event. Softball game will be starting on May 24, 2018.

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

P. CLERKS REPORT:

Xcel street light update- provided a handout on what will be allowed on the street lights.

Dug out report was provided – year to date funds collected were \$9050.00, expenses year to date are \$8923.54 balance remaining is a credit of \$126.46.

Green step city signs are available for purchase for \$52 if interested.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council reviewed Ordinance 100A and made the changes addressing wholesale ordinance in Agriculture districts.

2. Council was presented with Planning Commission rules and regulations as requested. Council had discussion on Planning Commission members; Members need to commit to the meetings if they are staying on the Planning Commission and new members need to be committed.

3. Alley – previously discussed.

4. WTP – no quote, working on.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Few blight issues within the City; PW will make a list of violators and the violations.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:51 PM. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer