

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – MAY 16, 2017

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on May 16, 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 Ty Turnquist, Shirley Jaeger, and Nick Hartwig, absent Cathy Ruschmeier. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Julie Aarsvold.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: no comments.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the agenda. The motion carried, all aye. 4/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the May 2, 2017 minutes, with the addition of St Mark's Fellowship Center in section E. The motion carried, all aye. 4/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Officer Stahlke would like to do a drone video from the Water Tower for a City challenge, needs Council approval. Council has no issues other than he is to wear the required safety equipment, and be accompanied by someone.

Sheriff's Office asked to alert citizens through social media of incidents with stealing cash or change out of vehicles between the hours of 2 AM – 5 AM in Mayer and New Germany. Residents should not leave valuables in vehicle and lock vehicles. If residents see any suspicious activity they should call and report immediately.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Nothing at this time.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,143,908.52, which includes the CD's balance of \$48,223.67. Council had discussion on Hilda/62nd account and LS Force Main account and balances. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded to approve the Treasure report as printed. The motion carried, all aye. 4/0

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded to approve the claims in the amount of \$20,925.80. The motion carried, all aye. 4/0

Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving releasing the Bolton and Menk check. The motion carried, all aye. 4/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Working on light out at Water Tower.

J1. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving Resolution 2017 – 07 Approving the LG55 Government Approval or Acknowledgement for use of Gambling Funds. The motion carried, all aye. 4/0

J2. Council reviewed the electrical bids for power to the UFC pole shed; AME Electric w/buried conduit \$2650.00 W/O conduit \$2450.00, Robb's Electric w/buried conduit \$3214.00, W/O conduit \$2784.00, Xtreme Electric w/buried conduit \$6900.00 W/O conduit \$3700.00, Laketown Electric w/buried conduit \$6700.00, W/O buried conduit \$5950.00. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded to accept the bid from AME Electric. The motion carried with Turnquist, Jaeger and Van Lith all aye. Hartwig abstained from voting.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Deck, water softener, and fence.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Nothing at this time.

M. PW REPORT: Mayor Van Lith reported on a tree that is dead on the east end of the City. Van Lith will have Steve Mielke or Tom Wishnack check out the tree, removal and replanting. Van Lith talked with Henning's on the soft ground at the UFC pole shed site (old scale was) possible open area up to dry out.

Spring clean up date is this Saturday May 20 at the City Shed.

Council and Mayor Van Lith discussed the thickness of grass at Park Ball Fields and mowing issues. Possible is the lawn mower; no issues with clumping with the smaller mower. They will be scheduling to test different makes of lawn mowers when the weather cooperates.

N. PARKS REPORT: Jaeger reported the Ball games will be starting next Thursday.

Turnquist reported they have the sign plans ready and they have been submitted to the County for review.

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Turnquist noted that the City needs to continue looking into the drainage of the swamp/low area near Horstman's and the softball field; Van Lith will mention to Henning's.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing more to report.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Zion Lutheran School will be holding their walk a thon on September 29, 2017 in the AM at St Mark's Fellowship Center. In the event of a funeral they would like the Hall as a backup plan; Council had no issues.

Clerk, Randy Lehs with Carver County, Josh with Bolton and Menk and A-1 Electric met in regards to the generator for the Fiber Optic room in the Hall. Chief Ruschmeier met with them to discuss what would be needed in the Fire Department for generator backup. They will be supplying two quotes one for the Hall and Fiber Optic room and the other will be to include the Fire Department. The County has a budget of about \$10,000, A-1 Electric thought this would cover the Hall and Fiber Optic room.

Clerk has requested Tuesday, May 30 for a vacation day; Council had no issues.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council discussed Ordinance 85-A changes. Van Lith moved and Jaeger seconded to accept Ordinance No 85-A with corrections as discussed. The motion carried, all aye. 4/0

2. Turnquist reported we still have a few verbiage changes and is still doing research on a few issues. Council will table until Dean Johnson with Resource Strategies is back from vacation.

3. Turnquist and Ruschmeier have a meeting scheduled to finalize the Clerk/Treasurer job description.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report as of this time.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM. The motion carried, all aye. 4/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk