

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – May 3, 2016

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on May 3, 2016 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: Jim Morrissey with Glenwood State Bank, Lee Ortloff with People Service, Fire Chief Dan Ruschmeier and Josh Eckstein with Bolton and Menk.
- B. CITIZEN COMMENT: There were no additional comments from the audience.
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Switch Sewer and Water report and J1. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the agenda with changes. The motion carried, all were in favor.
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded approval of the minutes as printed. The motion carried, all in favor.
- E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Nothing at this time.
- F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Fire Chief Ruschmeier reported they have a new applicant Justin Hecksel. Clayton Quaas is performing well and everything is going well with RMC.
- G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$822,689.38. The bond account is \$1,045.00 and the CD's total \$47,657.67, the total for all accounts is \$871,392.05. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, all in favor.
- H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded to approve the claims in the amount of \$6936.48. The motion carried, all in favor.
- I. WATER SEWER REPORT: will come back to after J1.
- J. 1. Jim Morrissey with Glenwood State Bank was present to discuss the options of development of Trophy Lakes. Morrissey explained the type of sewer system and water main the developer is exploring and would like Council's feedback. Council, Morrissey, Bolton and Menk and Fire Chief Ruschmeier continued lengthy discussions of size of water mains that would be allowed. Chief Ruschmeier also explained what he would like to see for fire protection in Trophy Lakes. Morrissey also explained he has worked with the developer previously; Roger Ellingson had talked to him several years ago on TL and Morrissey would really like to see this move forward with Ellingson otherwise the Bank would just sell the lots as ski lots and it would remain how it is. The abatement agreement helps the project possible come together, Morrissey explained the company that Ellingson owns and what they do. Morrissey explained Ellingson's so called wish list to Council. Discussions continued on sizing of pipes, hydrant locations, and grinder pressure sewer systems. Bolton and Menk stated they thought the sewer grinder systems would be workable. Van Lith noted the original HOA the roads were owned by them and it was agreed upon in TL covenants the roads were allowed to be narrower but no parking would be allowed on streets, no curb. Morrissey stated they would be tar roads and Ellingson would like to get this off the ground ASAP if everyone is agreeable to move forward. Ellingson would also like the special assessments dropped on the 11 non lake lots, this should not be an issue as the bank was not going to pay on these lots after the abatement agreement anyway was Morrissey's feeling; Council agreed that it should not be an issue. Van Lith thought a civil siren would be needed, and street lights were questioned. Van Lith stated a new developer's agreement would be needed and they continued discussion. Chief Ruschmeier mentioned the overflow for the lake is in place. Van Lith recapped Ellingson's wish list; 11 non lake lots drop special assessments, 6 inch water main, and pressure grinder sewer systems maintained by the HOA. Council thought all of this could be possible and move forward to the next step which should be a developer's agreement. If more meetings are needed a workshop could be a possibility or if decisions need to be addressed a Special meeting could be called. The placing of fire hydrants would need to be discussed and the fire department would possible need to purchase more hose if needed. Council and everyone continued discussing hydrants and hose and issues to bring back to Ellingson. Council thanked Jim Morrissey for attending and hopefully this can move forward.

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I. Ortloff explained the maintenance needed on the Hilda lift station and the money has been identified in the budget for this maintenance of \$1100.00. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving the lift station maintenance in the amount of \$1100.00. The motion carried, all in favor.

Ortloff explained the Well Head Protection meeting that he and the Clerk and Jaeger have attended here in the city office. Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded the Well Head Protection administrator shall be the Clerk, Ortloff will be the contact/supervisor. The motion carried, all in favor.

Ortloff also explained the ponds and I & I levels have been high, algae blooms growing which are caused by high phosphorus, it has also overflowed in to pond 2 and now it has algae issues. The discharge period is usually after June 15 but do to the rainfall last week they will have to discharge early. Ortloff also thinks sump pumps are discharging into floor drains, which then goes into the sanitary sewer and out to the ponds; this is why I & I have increased and this will need to be addressed. Clerk read the ordinance of sump pumps and the city has the right to inspect home to determine if resident is compliant, city can also charge resident a \$75 monthly non compliant fee if violating ordinance. Ortloff also had concerns of the wet area directly south of hall, where is that water going. Clerk should keep educating residents on sump pumps and discharging. Turnquist suggested a proposal from Bolton and Menk and Metro West and decide which way to approach. Van Lith asked Josh with Bolton and Menk to put together a proposal for water main future development to the north of TL and sump pump inspections.

J. 2. Council discussed on becoming a Green Step city, Hartwig questioned if there was a fee associated with. Hartwig moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving going forward with becoming a Green Step City. The motion carried, all in favor.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 1 re roof, 1 egress window.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Nothing to report.

M. PW REPORT: Mayor Van Lith noted the cars have been removed by resident in city. Clean up day is May 21, any help would be appreciated. Streets were swept, all went well, schedule the storm water clean out.

N. PARKS REPORT: There have been reports that the press box cannot go on top of the grandstands it will need to go on top of the concession stand. The concession stand was original designed to be a two story structure. They will have a better idea when a figure comes in.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing at this time.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Clerk reported findings on Hilda and 62nd Street.

Q. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing at this time.

R. 1. Turnquist brought up sump pump inspections and he is already associated with the city and he would do the inspections and or training as this is not something the city has budgeted.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:33 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk