

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – NOVEMBER 15, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on November 15, 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 Ty Turnquist, Cathy Ruschmeier, absent was Nick Hartwig and Shirley Jaeger. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Julie Aarsvold, Paul Roepke, Rachel Roepke, and Tim Zellmann.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: Nothing at this time.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Add Resolutions 2016-14 and 2016-15. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier second approval of the agenda with additions of Resolutions. The motion carried, all in favor.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ruschmeier moved and Turnquist second approval of the November 1, 2016 Council minutes. The motion carried, all in favor.

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Nothing to report at this time.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Nothing to report at this time.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,181,960.52. This includes the CD account of \$47,657.77. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier second approving the Treasure report as printed. The motion carried, all in favor.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Ruschmeier moved and Turnquist second approving the claims in the amount of \$8,158.03. The motion carried, all in favor.

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Generator can stay on cold storage side.

J. 1. Tim Zellmann was present to discuss the City sanitary sewer line and storm water line that runs through the Wabbe property that he recently purchased. Tim explained to Council the cement is visible on the City line and he would like to clean out the ditch; he has wet areas that do not dry off. Tim mentioned he has hit the line a couple times and it needs to be covered up, feels it was a very poor job when the line was put in. He would like permission to go ahead and clean the ditch out if see if the line is tied in and possible tying his line into ditch. Council agreed to let Tim clean out the ditch and Tim should bring anything he finds out back to Council; Council is not approving any tying in as of this time. The City may need to have the City Engineer involved. Tim noted he would take care of the cost of cleaning out the ditch as it could benefit him.

J2. Council reviewed bank pledge notice.

J3. Council discussed Budget workshop dates; decided on November 29th or 30th at 7 PM.

J4. Ruschmeier moved and Turnquist second Resolution 2016-13 a Resolution Certifying Election Results of the General Election of November 8, 2016 for Mayor and City Council members. The motion carried, all in favor.

J5. Resolution 2016-14 a Resolution Approving the LG55 Government Approval or Acknowledgement for use of Gambling Funds in the amount of \$3, 310 to go into the general fund and to be used for Parks. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier second Resolution 2016-14. The motion carried, all in favor.

J6. Resolution 2016-15 a Resolution Approving the LG55 Government Approval or Acknowledgement for use of Gambling Funds in the amount of \$1,290.00 to go into the general fund and to be used for Fire Department Equipment/flashlights. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier second Resolution 2016-15. The motion carried.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Security Bank – re-roof, 271 Park Street E – garage re-roof and remodel, 530 Park Street East – new construction.

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Loomis purchased 5 lots and Applewood purchased two lots, Loomis will be constructing two more homes in 2016 and would like the same discount on those two homes.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Nothing at this time.

M. PW REPORT: Council discussed employee options with Rick Todd; meet ½ hour prior to next meeting and go over information on permanent part time employee.

N. PARKS REPORT: December 3 is Breakfast with Santa here at Hall from 8 – 11 AM.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing at this time.

P. CITY CLERK REPORT:

Marty with Carver County called today and has tentatively set up November 29th or 30th at 10 AM to meet with UFC and Environmental Services and the City to inspect the UFC building. HE will confirm which day it will be. You all received a copy of his e mail on verbiage they would put into agreement for contamination from UFC if there is any.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

Q1 & Q2. Set up a Planning Commission meeting to discuss these items and come up with a plan; Clerk will e mail members to get January meeting dates.

Q3. Discussed in Clerk report.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council member Turnquist brought up the solar subscription contract and was questioning if Council would be interested in approaching them and asking for a guarantee of 1 cent less than current rate; City would save some money. Council discussed and decided it is to new and to wait and see if there really is a savings.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier second to adjourn meeting at 7:45 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk