

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – NOVEMBER 21, 2017

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on November 21, 2017 in the city council room of the New Germany City Hall. Mayor Van Lith called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., those present were: Mayor Van Lith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, and Cathy Ruschmeier, and Nick Hartwig. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: none.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: There were no additional comments from the audience.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the agenda. The motion carried. 5/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the November 7, 2017 minutes. The motion carried, all ayes. 5/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Officer Stahlke has returned to duty.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Van Lith reported it is the Fire Department's recommendation to accept James Martin. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving James Martin to the New Germany Fire Department. The motion carried, all ayes. 5/0

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,383,372.76, which includes the CD's balance of \$48,284.24. The monthly bank reconciliation was included. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, all ayes. 5/0

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Will move to J4.

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Copper level came back high on one of the testing addresses. This is not copper in the City water it is from copper pipes within homes. MDH requires that the City informs all residents of potential high copper level and needs to be completed by December 11 or the City will receive a fine; I have completed. Lee Ortloff will be here next month to discuss or answer additional questions you may have.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving Resolution 2017-12 A Resolution Adopting Assessment for Unpaid Utility Bills and Unpaid Charges. The motion carried, all ayes. 5/0

2. Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded approving Resolution 2017-13 Resolution Approving State of MN Joint Powers Agreements with The City of New Germany on Behalf of Its Prosecuting Attorney and Police Department. The motion carried, all ayes. 5/0

3. Council had a discussion on insurance coverage and limits. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded the member does not waive the monetary limits on municipality tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes, Section 466.04. The motion carried, all ayes. 5/0

4. Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded to approve the claims in the amount of \$17,162.61. The motion carried, all ayes. 5/0

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: no building permit update.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Dogs running at large and on resident's property.

M. PW REPORT: Van Lith reported bobcat has hydraulic leak and is at Lano equipment for repairs.

Council discussed curb on Park Street; \$2600 – \$2700 quote on repair. Council had discussion on the repair process. After discussion Council felt more information is needed and it is getting to late in the year; table until Spring of 2018.

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Henning's have completed the rock in parking lot at City Shed on Broadway Street East; few more loads than originally quoted, which will result in a slight increase in bill.

N. PARKS REPORT: Breakfast with Santa December 2, 2017 from 8 – 11 AM.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing at this time.

P. CLERKS REPORT:

Dean with Resource Strategies will be retiring in summer/fall of 2018; think about new City Planner possibilities. Dean reported that Haila Maze with Bolton and Menk does a very good job.

Dean also recommends implementing a Comp Plan escrow of \$3500 to the fee schedule for 2018.

John Maetzold looked at repairing back door on Hall; will supply City quote.

Planning Commission Meeting November 28, 6 PM.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss at Planning Commission meeting; recommendation of Ordinance 101A will be brought to Council at a December meeting.

2. No update as of this time.

3. Council discussed Bolton and Menk finishing Comp Plan. Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded allowing Bolton and Menk to complete the Comp Plan update. The motion carried, all ayes. 5/0

R. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council discussed the 3% increase for the 2018 garbage rates; this will be included in the 2018 fee schedule.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:20 PM. The motion carried, all in favor. 5/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk