

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – NOVEMBER 7, 2018

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held November 7, 2018 in the city council room of the New Germany City Hall. Mayor Van Lith called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., those present were: Mayor Van Lith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Cathy Ruschmeier and (absent) Nick Hartwig. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members were: Jessica Hedin & Brody Bratsch with SEH, Francis Condon, Jim Wabbe, Julie Aarsvold, and Joe Lemmerman.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: No comments.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving the agenda. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded approval of the October 16, 2018 minutes. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Monthly report was available for review.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Van Lith reported the Fire Department has accepted and recommends to Council John Heitz; has completed all the necessary tests for becoming a fire fighter. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving John Heitz as recommended by the New Germany Fire Department as a fire fighter. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

G. TREASURE REPORT:

- The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,417,713.37, which includes the CD's balance of \$48,880.26. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0
- Year to date online payment information was reviewed.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the claims in the amount of \$24,240.59. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Jessica Hedin was present from SEH to discuss the Facility Plan Phase 2. Jessica discussed the regionalizing with the City of Mayer and gave an update to Council on the findings to date. Jessica explained that Mayer is interested and they did have a discussion with the head operator Greg Kluver. Mayer would need to improve the bio solids and clarifiers at the plant which would require further research as to cost. Kluver did discuss with City Administrator; Kluver was leaving on a month vacation and City Administrator was busy with budget time. Jessica explained they will not be able to meet the November 15 grant deadline for this year and we should look at for 2019. Jessica would like to continue discussion with Mayer. Jessica explained options of still using ponds and the overflow could be sent to Mayer, several different ways it could be addressed. Jessica would like to continue discussion possible in January, follow up with Maggie the City of Mayer Administrator and Kluver. The good news explained Jessica is Mayer was receptive and has the capacity. Jessica explained more on the process of regionalization.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Jim Wabbe and Francis Condon were present to discuss Jim Wabbe selling his current home and 5 acres. Wabbe presented Council a survey of the proposed land. Council and Mayor had discussion with Wabbe on the land. Council and Mayor did not see any issues.

2. Jessica Hedin was present for Justin and explained in the water/sewer report.

3. Lemmerman reported that everything has been agreed upon between himself and Jeff Wessale in regards to property line issues. Lemmerman wanted to discuss the options on the 11 non-lake lots plus Out lot G and the interest of Dave Pink purchasing the lots from the city. Lemmerman noted they possible would think of changing the zoning and are thinking of storage condominiums or mini storage. Lemmerman continued explaining the condominium concept. Lemmerman reminded Council the abatement agreement deadline is December 31, 2018 and they would be willing to put a proposal

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together for Council to review. Turnquist stated the city can exercise the right to purchase and the city will research if they are in the interest of selling. Turnquist noted that the rezoning could be looked at by the Planning Commission. Jaeger questioned commercial proposed or possible mini storage; Council and Lemmerman continued discussion on the property use. Van Lith stated to keep on the agenda and revisit at the November 20 meeting; Lemmerman may submit a proposal for the city to review.

4. Resolution 2018-22 A Resolution Adopting Assessments for Unpaid Utility Bills and Unpaid Charges. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving Resolution 2018-22. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 1 – re roof and 1- fence permit was issued.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Blight at 480 Park Street East – letter was sent by mail, certified mail and the Sheriff.

M. PUBLIC WORKS: Discussed the City of New Germany snow removal options; does the city want to get quotes and contract out or does Steve want to continue. Van Lith reported the wing needs repair and he will schedule the repairs. Turnquist asked Van Lith what is public works opinion on the snow removal; Council had a discussion. Van Lith noted that Green Meadows is very interested in supplying the City a quote for snow removal services and he and the Clerk have meet with them to go over the expectations. Clerk came up with a Snow removal operations specification list and will send out for some bids or at least find out the rates and the Council can go from there. It is getting late this year noted Van Lith and the repairs will need to be made to the equipment either way. Clerk will try and get three bids for snow removal operations.

N. PARKS REPORT: Commercial Club minutes and treasure report were on table for anyone who wanted to review.

O. MAYORS REPORT: No report at this time.

P. CITY CLERK REPORT: Special meeting to canvas Election results: 3-10 days after election; regular Council meeting is not until November 20. Council decided on November 14, 4:30 PM. Reminder that Clerk is off on November 8 and Monday November 12 is the observed Veteran's Day.

Q. OLD BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Turnquist mentioned that Jeff Caswell from Camden Township would blade Hilda for the same cost of mowing; see what they would charge to maintain Hilda and 62nd Street for snow removal as well. Turnquist had a concern with our current building inspector Todd Geske of Metro West; he let his certification expire and performed work for city with an expired certification from August to October. Todd has now brought his certification current but this was rather concerning to Turnquist. The City requests that all subcontractors be licensed and maintain their license noted Turnquist. Turnquist just wanted to share the information as he felt as a Council member it is his duty. Council had a discussion on the situation. Clerk noted that the current building inspector for the City of New Germany is Pat Skeie whom is employed by Metro West. On the Department of Labor website is where a certification can be reviewed.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded adjourning the meeting at 8:32 PM. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer