

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – OCTOBER 3, 2017

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on October 3, 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 Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Nick Hartwig and Cathy Ruschmeier (arrived later in meeting). Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Julie Aarsvold, Josh Eckstein with Bolton & Menk, Mike Keno & Joe Dubel with Sambatek.

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Karen with MDH will not be present; will reschedule. Lee Ortloff will not be present either. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving agenda with changes. The motion carried, all ayes. 4/0.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the September 19, 2017 minutes with the correction of Turnquist seconded adjournment not Ruschmeier. The motion carried, all ayes. 4/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Officer Stahlke is still out.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Dan Ruschmeier was present and reported there are 5 new fire fighters in the process of joining the department. One newer member Cody Smith has put it in his resignation and it is the recommendation of the Fire Department to accept the resignation. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded accepting the resignation of Cody Smith from the Fire Department. The motion carried, all ayes. 4/0

The Relief Association will be taking over the fund raiser for the Lindstrom Park dug outs, they have made fliers and will be receiving donations.

Van Lith and Ruschmeier had a brief discussion on Fire Department members; maximum fire fighters are 28.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,381,565.43, which includes the CD's balance of \$48,284.24. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, all ayes. 4/0

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded to approve the claims in the amount of \$33,182.33. The motion carried, all ayes. 4/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Josh Eckstein and Council had a discussion on the curb and gutter at 581 Park Street East. Josh explained the curb/gutter has settled and water is pooling at the base of the driveway; no issue with settlement until the house was built. There are other settlement issues with the manhole on Park Street; Josh explained the road is structurally sound but the man hole needs to be lowered and referred to patching curb and gutter at 581 Park. Curb is lower than the tar; patching is a short-term fix for 581 Park, would not be a complete fix. Council would like a contractor to come out and review, provide the City with a quote. Josh also noted it is likely the driveway would need a patch if anything was done with the curb and gutter.

Lee is not present due to alarms last night; they did place the generator at lift station today during power outage.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Karen Voz with MDH will not be present; reschedule.

Resolution 2017-09 is accepting Parks Donation from the New Germany Relief Association for Parks; funds raised from the Baseball gun raffle. Council had a brief discussion on having the funds deposited into the general Parks fund not associated with dug outs. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded accepting Resolution 2017-09 LG55 Use of Gambling Funds for Parks in the amount of \$3800.00 with the changes as discussed into the Parks Fund. The motion carried, all ayes (Ruschmeier is present). 5/0

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2. Mike Kuno and Joseph Dubel were present from Sambatek to discuss the City of New Germany engineering needs. Van Lith explained the City is exploring engineering options. Mike explained the services their company of about 90 employees and primary offices located in Minnetonka and Man Dan, ND. Mike also noted they are not a large firm but have a range of services that New Germany could benefit from; Mike and Joe went through their presentation. Council and Sambatek discussed the needs of the City and had a question/answer discussion. Sambatek would like to do ¼ reports to Council or as needed during projects; ¼ reports would be of no charge and they would be present at meeting. Joe encouraged Council to take advantage of him coming to meetings; any issues that need reviewing could be done prior to meeting since he would be here. Council continued discussion on services.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Nothing at this time.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Nothing at this time.

M. PW REPORT: Van Lith reported he has not been able to connect with Tom Wisnack on tree replacement; will keep working on.

N. PARKS REPORT: Sunday October 15, 2017 from 8:30 – 12:30 PM is Dad's Waffle Breakfast at NG Hall. Commercial Club is meeting October 30, 2017, 7 PM City Office. October 28 is the Halloween Party at Hall from 6 PM – 7:30 PM.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing at this time.

P. CLERKS REPORT: There has been questions on Manning Street and the deed or dedication of street. The City does not have this information on file on account of the land was purchased and is owned by the City. Hubert has suggested for recording purposes that Council acknowledge this is a public street and there is access to the lots that are located on Manning Street. Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded acknowledging that Manning Street is a public street in the City of New Germany. The motion carried, all ayes. 5/0

Reminder of Comp Plan Open House on October 23 from 6:30 PM – 8 PM City Hall, Budget Workshop on October 24, 7 PM City office.

Clerk requested vacation day; Tuesday October 10.

Q. OLD BUSINESS: Turnquist gave an update on Ordinance 101 A; Dean to review language then to PC for approval and PC will bring recommendation to Council.

2. Discussed already in Fire Dept.

3. Continue moving forward with plan on installation and the controller is in.

R. NEW BUSINESS: nothing to report.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Van Lith moved and Jaeger seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:13 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk