

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on September 19, 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 absent were Nick Hartwig and Cathy Ruschmeier. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Julie Aarsvold, Ben Ransom with RenaSolar, Jeanne Vogt and Shelly Eldridge with Ehlers.

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Add Resolution 2017-08 as J4 to the Agenda. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of Agenda with addition of J4. The motion carried, all ayes. 3/0.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the September 5, 2017 minutes. The motion carried, all ayes. 3/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Monthly Sheriff report was available for review. Officer Stahlke is out on leave; the City continues to have coverage from the Sheriff Department.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: In the process of accepting two new Fire Fighters and possible 2 more interested in joining reported Van Lith.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,391,272.84, which includes the CD's balance of \$48,284.24. Also included was the August bank reconciliation. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried, all ayes. 3/0

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Council had discussion on the Central Fire Protection bill and that should be paid by the Relief not the City; void check. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded to approve the claims in the amount of \$13,797.87, which does not include the Central Fire Protection check. The motion carried, all ayes. 3/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Lee Ortloff will be at the October 3, 2017 meeting.

J. 1. Ben Ransom with RenaSolar was present to discuss the options of a Solar subscription. Ben went through his presentation. A few key points of presentation; St Paul based, California is headquarters, several solar gardens in MN, mostly 50 mw projects throughout MN. This particular solar subscription is for a project located by Winsted, will start construction in April of 2018, 30-acre site, 3 mg watt site; 1 mw would power about 200-300 homes. Ben continued going through subscription contract including rates and length of contract. Ben stated they typically would like the subscription to the project at 80% sold out prior to project start date is their target. Ben also mentioned to contact the Great Plains Institute which would supply third party feedback on these types of programs, could supply the City with more feedback. They have projects in other states; Colorado and New York more states are modeling after Minnesota. Ben has just started reaching out to Cities in this area; will keep us updated on project and Council will discuss subscription and get back to him if interested.

2. Shelly Eldridge and Jeanne Vogt with Ehlers presented the draft of the updated Financial Management Plan (FMP). Ehlers went through the updated plan with Council; Council asked questions as presented. Ehlers explained on how the fiscal disparities roller coaster works; the goal is to keep everything steady and smooth so the residents do not see the increase and then the decrease, maintain steady and smooth with as little increases as possible. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded the preliminary levy amount of \$377,577. The motion carried, all ayes. 3/0

Van Lith moved and Jaeger seconded a Budget workshop date of October 24, 7 PM.

3. Council reviewed the 2018 Carver County Prosecution Contract. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the 2018 Carver County Prosecution Contract. The motion carried, all ayes. 3/0

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4. Resolution 2017-08 donation from the Fire Department for Parks in the amount of \$6,155; \$5,000 for the dug outs at Lindstrom Park, \$700 towards mowing wages for Fellowship Center (ball tournament), \$455 for Ball Park supplies. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving Resolution 2017-08 in the amount of \$6,155.00 for Parks. The motion carried, all ayes. 3/0

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Deck & Ball Park dug outs.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Guinea Hens roaming the streets; owner was located. Council had discussion on people running stop signs on Park Street E and County Road 33.

M. PW REPORT: Van Lith will order the rock with Henning's for UFC parking lot.

N. Commercial Club meeting on Monday night September 25, 7 PM City Hall.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Van Lith informed Council there is a Public Hearing at Carver County on October 4, 7 PM for a pole type shed building on the Eric Giese property if anyone was interested in attending.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Will be out of office for conference in Owatonna on Thursday and Friday, September 21 & 22.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Turnquist is reviewing televised lateral information and verbiage.

2. Comp Plan Open House is October 23, 6:30 PM – 8 PM City Hall.

3. They are working on installation date of message board; hoping for the end of September.

R. NEW BUSINESS: nothing to report.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded to adjourn meeting at 9:00 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, \_\_\_\_\_ Twyla Menth, City Clerk