

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on September 20, 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, Shirley Jaeger, Nick Hartwig, and absent was Cathy Ruschmeier. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Julie Aarsvold and Pam Stelten with 4-H Shooting Sports.

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approval of the agenda with the addition of adding 4-H Shooting Sports to J. The motion carried, all in favor.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approval of the September 6, 2016 minutes with the correction of Cathy Ruschmeier was present. The motion carried, all in favor.

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Officer Stahlke reported to Clerk; things have been quite in New Germany and they are investigating thefts at Mayer businesses.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Sending a couple fire fighters for medical to the Ryder cup.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,174,699.26 which includes the CD's in the amount of \$47,657.77. Clerk explained the 2009A Black Forest Fund. Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approval of Treasure report as printed. The motion carried, all in favor.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Hartwig moved and Turnquist second to approve the claims in the amount of \$11,961.82. The motion carried, all in favor.

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Calibration has been completed.

J. Shooting Sports representative Pam Stelten was present to discuss use of the hall on Thursday evenings from January – April, 6 PM - 9PM; they will not interfere with any City events. They will send schedule out to Clerk and will not be here the week before Easter. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded 4-H Shooting Sports may use the hall from January – April, 6 – 9 PM on Thursday evenings. The motion carried, all in favor.

J1. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving Resolution 2016-12 Appointing General Election Judges. The motion carried, all in favor.

J2. Council reviewed the 2017 Prosecution contract from the County. Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approving the 2017 Prosecution Contract with Carver County. The motion carried, all in favor.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: furnace permit.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Jake breaking on County Road 33, vehicle on blocks near Washington and Park.

M. PW REPORT: Van Lith reported the lawn mower had a few issues again, pulley and needs new tires. City had a loaner mower from Lano Equipment while waiting for parts, was a little smaller but it actually worked better for cutting and cut better, keep in mind for future. City Truck needs a new windshield; deductable is \$500, windshield is around 250 – 300 through Town and Country glass. City truck also received some damage during early foggy morning; mirror was broke off when backing into shed. Van Lith reported clean up day was slow.

N. PARKS REPORT: Jaeger reported Commercial Club meeting Monday night at 7 PM. Jaeger also reported the park will be used for a block party ; do not turn off water or have garbage containers removed until after October 2.

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O. MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Van Lith requested a Special Meeting for September 27, 7 PM and Ehlers will be here to finalize budget and levy. Mayor Van Lith also informed Clerk and Council the Fire Department will not be allowing set up for parties in the Hall on Thursdays, and two people from the Fire Department will be checking hall after parties.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Working with Ehlers on the Continuing Disclosure reports, the draft is here if anyone would like to review.

Guide book that the Herald Journal prints is \$189. Jaeger moved and Turnquist second the Guide book for \$189.00. The motion carried, all in favor.

Clerk is gone September 22 and 26.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council discussed Hilda Avenue; Clerk should check with the County on the portion of property taxes that is for Hilda. Hartwig mentioned to check with the LMC for any additional information. And keep this on the agenda.

2. Council reviewed the reconciliation of the MN Solar bill. A portion of the escrow account \$250 is non refundable, the balance due to the City is \$10.82. Jaeger moved and Turnquist second to credit the \$10.82 balance on the account due to the \$250 Non Refundable fees. The motion carried, all in favor.

3. No comments tonight, keep on the agenda.

4. Mayor Van Lith read the quote received from RMC in regards to the update they would like on the stairway to the Legion room; RMC will cover the costs. Quote was from First Street Construction in the amount of \$1853.66. Mayor Van Lith also read an invitation from the Southern Valley Alliance; open house is October 21, 2 -4 PM if any Council members are interested in attending.

Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving RMC to move forward with the proposed update to the stairway to the Legion Room/RMC Lounge Room. The motion carried, all in favor.

Clerk briefly went through budget and levy numbers; soon as updated sheets are received she will get to the Council members.

Sump Pump information was included in the water/sewer bill that went out today. Clerk will schedule appointments.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier second to adjourn meeting at 7:59 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

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