

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on September 5, 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 Ty Turnquist, Shirley Jaeger, and Cathy Ruschmeier, Nick Hartwig absent. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Eric Roepke, and Gifty P Kollie.

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approval of agenda, The motion carried, all ayes. 4/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the August 15, 2017 minutes. The motion carried, all ayes. 4/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: No report.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Nothing to report, next meeting September 11 on account of Labor Day.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,379,762.93, which includes the CD's balance of \$48,284.24, July bank reconciliation was included in report. Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier second approving 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 \$29,984.49. The motion carried, all ayes. 4/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Nothing at this time.

J. 1. Mayor Van Lith and Council recognized Eric Roepke for his countless hours of dedication to the Parks, Ball Fields, and Christmas lights. Mayor Van Lith noted there was numerous compliments on the condition of the ball fields at the Fire Department Tournament and the Regional Tournaments, this was all the countless non-compensated hours Eric dedicated to the fields. Mayor Van Lith presented Eric with a recognition plaque and a Mills Fleet Farm gift card in the amount of \$250. This was all possible from the Wellness and Recognition Policy fund designated for volunteers who are not paid employees.

Council and Eric discussed when they will be turning water off at the parks. There is a freezer that is not functioning properly at the Parks, will need to be replaced.

2. Council reviewed the Carver County Sheriff contract for 2018. The 2017 to 2018 contract rates increased \$530.00, overtime compensation increased \$4.96 per hour. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving the 2018 Carver County Sheriff contract for services. The motion carried, all ayes. 4/0

3. Council reviewed the Truth and Taxation information. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded the Truth and Taxation (TNT) will be held on December 5, 2017, 7 PM with the regular Council meeting. The motion carried, all ayes. 4/0

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 2 decks; 203 State Avenue s and 520 State Avenue s.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Nothing at this time.

M. PW REPORT: Mayor Van Lith would like to move forward with rock by City Shed (UFC), quote from Henning is for \$2600.00. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the rock from Henning's in the amount of \$2600 for the City Shed (UFC) gravel lot area. The motion carried, all ayes. 4/0

They continue mowing; grass still growing.

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N. PARKS REPORT: Eric informed Council that Steve Mielke will be cutting a foul line area in the Baseball Field and will be reseeding area when completed.

Softball Field has bent grass; this bent grass will take over and spreads rapidly. Eric has ordered a weed killer for bent grass; will see brownish or white areas after applied.

Steve Kuntz and Gordy Chmielewski are looking to build dug outs at the Softball Field; funded from donations. Council questioned the type of dug outs they had in mind; Council had no issues as long as they were financially supported. Eric explained a few organizations they possible could get funding from; they will be meeting September 6 at 6 PM.

Jaeger reported that Stacy Henning may not be available for the Commercial Club kid's programs on account of her own children's schedules. Stacy would be willing to get supplies for the events.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Van Lith reported there is a conditional use permit for a solar garden; hearing is on September 19, 2017 at 7 PM at the Carver County Courthouse. Location is by the Hollywood Church area in Hollywood Township; Lowell Baker Family estate land.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Guide book fee is \$189.00. Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving the Guide Book advertisement. The motion carried, all ayes. 4/0

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Turnquist will review information and set a deadline for October 3 meeting.

2. Clerk gave an update on Comp Plan and bills. Next step is we will need to schedule an open house date (one night) and decide if the Planning Commission will be hosting solely or will be hosting jointly with Council. Council discussed dates that Dean sent, picked three tentative dates; will host open house jointly and will need one of the three dates picked October 11, 12 or 23 at 6:30 – 8 PM. Clerk will e mail Dean and let Council know which one of the three chosen dates it will be on.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ehlers is working on FMP and Utility updates.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Van Lith moved and Jaeger seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:41 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk- Treasurer