

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – September 27, 2016 – PAGE 1 OF 1**

A CALL TO ORDER: The Special City Council meeting was held on September 27, 2016 in the city council room of the New Germany City Hall. Acting Mayor Shirley Jaeger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., those present were: Council persons Nick Hartwig, Cathy Ruschmeier, Ty Turnquist and arriving later was Mayor Steve Van Lith, others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth and Shelly Eldridge with Ehlers.

Acting Mayor Jaeger announced we will hold the meeting for a couple minutes for Mayor Van Lith. The only thing on the agenda for this meeting is the budget and levy. Mayor Van Lith arrived and budget discussion began. Questions were asked if we can create capital accounts for election equipment upgrades and transfer unused funds into the account at the end of the year, to build funds for upgrades. Shelly explained to Council that you can and once the funds are transferred into capital accounts, and in an emergency situation by Council action can be transferred back to the general fund if needed. Mayor Van Lith questioned the Fire Department budget surplus projection number of \$4811, there was a lengthy discussion on this projection. Clerk will have Jeanne verify to Mayor Van Lith this is not being accounted for twice. Shelly continued going through the FMP and the Water and Sewer analysis. Council would like Jeanne to explain the numbers she is referring to in e mail and explain the difference in levy. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approval of the 2017 preliminary levy in the amount of \$364,353.00. The motion carried, all were in favor.

Ruschmeier moved and Hartwig second to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

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