

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – JANUARY 5, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on January 5, 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 Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Cathy Ruschmeier absent was Nick Hartwig. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Darel Radde, Brad Droege and Fire Chief Dan Ruschmeier. .

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the agenda. The motion carried.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the December 15, 2015 minutes. The motion carried.

E. TREASURERS REPORT: Will move to first item in J, to give all Council members time to review.

F. APPROVE CLAIMS: Will move with treasure report to first item in J, to give all Council members time to review.

G. SHERIFFS REPORT: Officer Stahlke will be starting on Monday January 11, 2016.

H. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mayor Van Lith introduced Darel Radde and Brad Droege from Ridgeview Medical Ambulance Service. Van Lith gave brief explanation of what the ambulance service does and then turned it over to Darel Radde. Darel Radde explained they would like to have their ambulance located within the city as the city is central located. The ambulance service covers a 730 square mile radius; they have reviewed response time to areas and New Germany is preferred location. Over the past 20 plus years they have been located in NYA, Hamburg, Winsted, Watertown, Minnetrista, Chanhassen, Waconia and Belle Plain. As they reviewed response time they would like to find an area between NYA and Winsted; Winsted is volunteer staffed and has difficulties staffing. A central located city to the north would be New Germany and it would serve Winsted, Lester Prairie, and NYA. They have talked with Camden Township but it has been put on hold for now, Camden does not know their long term plans at this time. They are temporarily in Lester Prairie as of this time, this is not ideal they would rather be in New Germany. Droege has had conversations with Chief Ruschmeier and Van Lith on using a bay in Fire Department and using the Legion room for their lounge room. Radde explained they call it a 24/7 staffed but that does not mean they will physically be here 24/7, they will be in and out. They do have to drive to Waconia for shift changes and if they are dispatched out for a relocate or reposition, it could be awhile before they return. Radde and Droege would like permission from the Council and hopefully this could be a long term arrangement. They will keep the City informed if Camden Township does decide to do anything but ultimately they want to be located within the City not in the Township. Roger Sauerbrey who is Legion Commander has no issues with them using the Legion room. Chief Ruschmeier would really like to make this work as the community would benefit from this service. Chief Ruschmeier explained they will house the Fire Department gas van in the cold storage of the City shed as the benefits of having this service are all positive. Chief Ruschmeier also explained there cannot be any parking between the hall and Fire Garage and this will need to be enforced. Ridgeview will work with the City, they would like a TV and cable installed in the room, they will supply the TV and anything else they may need for lounge; whatever they use they will be responsible for. Chief Ruschmeier asked the Clerk to check into cable for the lounge, basement, and City office and the Fire Department or RMC will take care of the charges. In the event the Fire Department decides to add on to the Fire Garage building Ridgeview would like to have discussions for permanent housing of ambulance. Radde reminded Council rig does move around and will not always physically be here 24/7. Ridgeview has 11 rigs during the day and 5 rigs during the night shift and are covering many cities and the 720 square mile radius. Radde and Droege also explained during a large event in hall, they will not be here, too many conflicts and they will leave until event is over; they will need a schedule of events at hall. They vision themselves as guests in the city's space and the Legion room will be there break room. Access to the building will need to be supplied; Council had discussion on access options as they do not want keys, prefer a pad with code. They also would like a night light in the upper level, Eric Roepke the City electrician will look at possibilities and Fire Department will come up with lighting. The question of help with utilities came up; Radde stated this can be discussed; Council commented the room is already being heated. Council and Radde continued discussions of the positives of having an ambulance in the City.

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Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded approval of moving forward with the Ridgeview Ambulance plan. The motion carried, all in favor. Radde and Chief Ruschmeier will work on and everything should happen in the next month. Chief Ruschmeier gave Radde contacts for Hall and Fire Department.

Chief Ruschmeier asked Mayor Van Lith to please clear snow and bank up so he can start with the ice rink.

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Nothing at this time.

J. Council reviewed the Treasure report. The Treasury report noted that the checkbook balance was \$832,051.80. The bond account is \$58,310.69, and the CD's total \$47,258.79, the total for all accounts is \$937,621.28. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the Treasurer's report. The motion carried, all in favor.

Clerk explained on \$58,310.69 project account can now be closed if Council chooses. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded to close the account with the balance of \$58,310.69 and transfer into the general fund. The motion carried, all in favor.

The CD in the amount of \$24,419.72 matures on 1/8/2016. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded to renew the CD. The motion carried, all in favor.

Clerk explained 2006A bond call date and USDA will be depositing funds on 1/27/2016 into general fund account and will need to wire funds out for payment on 1/28/2016. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of wiring the funds to Bond Trust Services for the payment of \$1,276,636.25 on the 2006A bond. The motion carried, all in favor.

Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded to approve the claims in the amount of \$115,910.63. The motion carried, all in favor.

1. Resolution 2016-01 Approving the Organization Summary for the City of New Germany for the Year 2016. Council had brief discussion; put Personnel Department in Old Business for future discussion. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded approval of Resolution 2016-01 Approving the Organizational Summary for the City of New Germany for Year 2016. The motion carried, all in favor.  
Resolution 2016-02 Approving the LG55 Government Approval or Acknowledgement for Use of Gambling Funds. Jaeger moved and Turnquist accepted Resolution 2016-02 Approving the LG55 Government Approval or Acknowledgment for Use of Gambling Funds in the amount of \$9,600.00 to be used for the future truck and building funds for the New Germany Fire Department. The motion carried, all in favor.  
Resolution 2016-03 Approving the LG55 Government Approval or Acknowledgment for use of Gambling Funds. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded Resolution 2016-03 Approving the LG55 Government Approval or Acknowledgment for Use of Gambling Funds in the amount of \$436.90 to be used for IT support and Fire Department computer audit. The motion carried, all in favor.
2. Council reviewed the letter from Carver County Water Management Organization and at this time they will not be appointing a representative from New Germany for the Technical Advisory Committee for 2016.
3. Council reviewed letter from Carver County Shooting Sports Program. Turnquist moved and Ruschmeier seconded approving Carver County Shooting Sports Program to use the Hall and their \$50 damage deposit will carry over. The motion carried, all in favor.
4. Council reviewed Bolton and Menk fee schedule for 2016 and have already approved as City Engineer when they adopted the Resolution 2016-01.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Nothing to report.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Nothing to report.

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M. PW REPORT: Van Lith reported on plowing parking lots; which do we plow and which are considered City lots if any. County does not plow trail parking lot in winter months, is the plowing the City's responsibility or the business owner that would benefit from lot, Council continued discussion. The City policy states that the City plows parking lots for City vehicles. Mayor Van Lith will talk to business owner and report back to Council at next meeting.

N. PARKS REPORT: Commercial Club Treasure Report was included.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing at this time.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Clerk Menth reported Camden had inquired on Election Judge hourly pay. As of now we pay the Election Judges \$8.50, in 2014 the head Election Judge was Menth. Menth also explained if the County implements iPads this year; we should think about recruiting more Election judges. Budget for 2016 is \$1500, in 2014 we spent in Election judge wages \$836.41. Ruschmeier moved and Jaeger seconded to increase Election Judge hourly pay to \$10.00. The motion carried, all in favor. Clerk asked Council if they knew their start dates; Council had discussion. City received letter from Stiftungsfest inquiring on float in parade or if the City would want to give donation.

Q. OLD BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Turnquist would like Council to be proactive and research how to update the Blight issue for trailers parked on streets and long term trailer parking; put this issue on agenda.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Jaeger moved and Ruschmeier seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:27 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

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