

## CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 10, 2018 – PAGE 1 OF 1

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Special City Council meeting was held on April 10, 2018 in the city council room of the New Germany City Hall. Mayor Steve Van Lith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., those present were: Council persons Shirley Jaeger, TY Turnquist, and Cathy Ruschmeier. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth and Jonathan Rod with Jaguar Communications.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the agenda. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

C. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED; Jonathan Rod with Jaguar explained to Council the current fiber optic that runs through the City is 72 fibers owned by CarverLink (Carver County) and 72 fibers owned by Jaguar Communications; fiber optic at this time is only available from CarverLink to the city, schools and hospitals/clinics. The City of New Germany and the Fire Department have CarverLink fiber optic for internet services.

Jaguar would bring the residents another choice for internet, tv and telephone. Jon continued explaining the orange pylons located within the City is the fiber optic, the green junction boxes is what they would build off to get services to the residents. The green junction boxes would be installed in the same areas that Nu-Telecom has boxes for cable, Jaguars are very low to the ground.

Jon explained years ago they were North American and they sold to Nu-Telecom in 2009-2010. Jaguar would need to have a franchise agreement just like Nu-Telecom does; franchise states within city limits. Council had questions on resident's that would like to have the services but are not in the City limits but very close; they may be able to connect if requested.

Jon would like to move rather fast, after all the paperwork is approved and completed construction would start; Jon figured three weeks and is thinking to have completed by 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Council reviewed the restoration part of the franchise agreement and had questions; after discussion Jon assured Council it is also their best interest to have the restoration as best or as close to as pre-construction. When a resident subscribes to their service restoration is also stated in the sales contract to be restored to pre-construction. Discussion continued on restoration options.

Jaeger questioned if a call center was available for technical support. Jon explained they have a new Gig A Center where they ping your services, it and has the capabilities to tell them what the issue is in your home. They have service technicians that work remotely from their homes and have hubs located within Carver County where they can pick up any supplies needed to speed up repairs if or when needed. They will be hiring more service technicians as the need continues to grow. Jaguars fiber optic is 75 x 75 mg direct fiber internet, Tv has 400 channels and have land line options.

Jon stated they would like to do a marketing community event at City Hall where people can come in and trial the internet, provide computers and TV's displaying their channel services and telephone information. They encourage testing their services prior to purchasing. Mayor Van Lith stated it is always good to give the residents another option for services as they are limited at this time.

Council continued discussion; Mayor Van Lith noted they can allow the franchise agreement, table it or deny it but Jaguar would prefer to have a decision as soon as possible.

Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving to allow Jaguar Communications into the City of New Germany. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

Jon will move forward with the franchise agreement with their attorney, when finished it will go to the city attorney for approval; Council will then sign the agreement. If any questions Council will invite Jon back or send the questions through e mail. When construction is close to start they will keep the city updated on the progress and if any issues the city will need to let them know as things proceed forward.

D. ADJOURNMENT – Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded adjourning the meeting at 7:53 PM. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

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