

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – June 4, 2019

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held June 4, 2019 in the city council room of the New Germany City Hall. Mayor Van Lith called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., those present were: Mayor Van Lith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, absent - Nick Hartwig. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members were: Bill Devine with Camden Township.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT- Bill Devine was present from Camden Township to discuss Fire contracts; Mayor Van Lith explained the increase; Devine requested more communication from the Fire Department.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of agenda. The motion carried. 3/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the May 21, 2019 Council minutes. The motion carried. 3/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Council discussed areas that could use more patrolling.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mayor Van Lith reported on behave of the Fire Department and with the recommendation of the Fire Department to accept the resignation of Nick Hartwig. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the resignation of Nick Hartwig from the New Germany Fire Department. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General Fund balance was \$1,324,926.12, which includes the (2) CD's in the amount of \$49,589.01. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the Treasure report. The motion carried, unanimously.3/0

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the claims in the amount of \$6,785.28 The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Clerk provided report on Public Alert system through Softline Data. This would be a tool that could be used for electronic delivery of any type of public service announcement; water or sewer issue, street sweeping, hydrant flushing is to name a few. You can choose your delivery method of email, text, and or voicemail with a prerecorded message, can be delivered to a specific area or to all residents. The cost for the public alert system software for one year is \$225, Council continued discussion on software. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the Public Alert software through Softline Date for \$225.00 per year. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

Council discussed the method that is currently used for water shut off's; certified letters are \$4.05 each and usually come back refused. YTD, we spent approximately \$50-\$55.00 on postage for delinquent accounts. Ordinance No 79, section 15 (A) will need to be amended with the codification of ordinances removing certified mail method if you choose to use an alternative method other than first class mail. Jaeger moved and Turnquist second amending Ordinance 79 Section 15 A by removing the certified mail and replace with notice as required by MN state states requires and any other means available as approved by City Council. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0 Clerk will send to American Legal to be included with codification of ordinances updates.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: None at this time.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: hot water heater.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: None at this time.

M. PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mayor Van Lith requested the public work policies he received be kept as an agenda item for further review.

2. Mayor Van Lith gave report on street signs ordered.

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Mayor Van Lith reported on the lawnmower hours and will be using the trade in program as usual; recommendation of amending the contract.

Mayor Van Lith also reported on the storm drain by Hilda Avenue; Turnquist still recommends dye testing. Public Works will compile blight offenders; letters will be sent out requesting clean up when list is completed.

N. PARKS REPORT: Turnquist informed Council of the plan with the bathroom fans at the Parks and possible installing in the concession stand; Eric Roepke and Turnquist will continue working on. Council had discussion on purchasing bagger for ball fields and hiring out for services; get a quote from Green Meadows. Budget time we can plan appropriately for a sweeper or bagger if needed.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Discussion on a few restorations remaining from Jaguar project.

P. CITY CLERK REPORT: Justin Black with SEH will be present at June 18 meeting. Budget workshop date June 25, include snow removal.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council reviewed ordinances pertaining to Parks and hours of operations.

2. Council discussed current City Planner services and consolidating with SEH. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded to check with SEH if available and then follow the requirements of separation as in contract. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

3. LTD Broadband attorney will make the changes in contract as recommended by the City of New Germany attorney; will send for final approval to City of New Germany attorney.

4. The back door of the hall is in desperate need of replacement; reviewed in 2017 minutes, no motion was made. Last quote from Maetzold was \$2,000 - \$2,500, did not include repairs on front doors. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving Maetzold to repair both doors as needed and repair budget is \$3,000. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

5. Budget work session date of June 25, 7 PM.

R. NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded adjourning the meeting at 8:19 PM. The motion carried. 3/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer