

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – MAY 21, 2019

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held May 21, 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, and Nick Hartwig. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members were: none.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT- no comments

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of agenda. The motion carried. 4/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the May 7, 2019 Council minutes. The motion carried. 4/0

Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the May 14, 2019 Work Session minutes. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Monthly report was available for review.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Council reviewed the updated information for 2020 Fire Department contract services for Hollywood, Camden and New Germany. This was amended on account of the CO alarm calculation was incorrect for Hollywood. Hollywood was \$37,842.02 new rate is \$37,729.78, Camden was \$36,876.53, new rate of \$36,928.04, New Germany was \$31,268.76, new rate of \$31,329.49; increased slightly for Camden, New Germany and slight decrease for Hollywood. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving Camden, Hollywood and New Germany 2020 Fire Department contract coverage rates. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

Mayor Van Lith reported they have been having battery issues with one of the Fire trucks; replacing batteries.

Jaeger reported St Mark's approved the use of the field for tournament.

G. TREASURE REPORT: No Treasure report; water billing.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the claims in the amount of \$7,663.51. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT:

1. Clerk provided update on 390 State Avenue N – Henning's will honor repair quote for \$2,000-\$2,200 and Mike Ford will do the turf restoration. Henning's will determine if it is a home owner or city issue when they repair the sewer line issue; Ford was in agreement.
2. Clerk provided update on 150 Hilda Avenue N (sewer line issue at city connection)– Henning's contacted Northland Lining for slip lining, cost is about \$5,600 – \$6,000., Northland is hesitant to perform the slip lining on account of no clean out at the curb. Access would be at the clean out on the property by the garage; Northland feels this is too much of a liability going through the clean out by the garage and would like a clean out at the curb. In the event something was incorrect with the camera sewer line, slip lining could cause a backup of sewer into the basement of the home. Dennis Henning's recommendation is to dig up and repair the sewer line connection, this would include digging into Hilda to make the repairs as needed. This would provide long term repair for the city: quote of \$6,500 – \$7,500, which includes patching Hilda. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving Henning's to repair the sewer line connection quote of \$6,500 - \$7,500., at 150 Hilda Avenue N. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0
3. Discussion on culvert that runs under Hilda to the east; Turnquist suggested dye testing before anything else.
Discussed future plan for area South of Hall (low area, water); plan on cleaning tile for tree roots in 2020.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Tentative Budget Work Session date; June 25, 2019, at 7 pm.

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K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 551 Park Street East; new construction.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: None at this time

M. PUBLIC WORKS: Seasonal employee training; June 6 at Waconia.

Mayor Van Lith reported cleanup day was busy; clarify what is small furniture was one of the requests. Mayor Van Lith reported on lawn mower trade in program; wait till we hear more from Bob's repair.

N. PARKS REPORT: Thursday evening the games will start.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing more to report.

P. CITY CLERK REPORT: Received the \$2500 from Carver County Environmental Services for the Brush agreement.

Jaguar, project is complete; field work is complete. Flags have been pulled and they are completing turf restoration. Mayor Van Lith had concerns as he has not been connected yet; did contract last fall. Clerk will check with Jaguar on status.

Sheriff Dept would like to do a fall Drug Take Back; tentative date of October 26.

Council reviewed Public Hearing information from Carver County in regards to land being sub divided in Camden Township; no comments or concerns.

Council discussed if they should continue advertising for the Council vacancy in the Herald Journal; choose not to at this time.

Council reviewed the Met Council estimates for the City of New Germany; 455 people, 181 households and the average size of households 2.514 persons as of April 1, 2018. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving Metropolitan Council estimates. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

Clerk would like vacation day on May 28. Jaeger moved and Hartwig seconded approving May 28 vacation date. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council reviewed the questionnaire and Work Session meeting information. Council made four more changes as listed below;
 - #44 reference to the current Conservation Act; no reference to MN rules.
 - 152.33 instead of being approved by the Director of Public Works it shall be the City Engineering firm.
 - 154.082 (A) A building permit is required for accessory structures as regulated by the MN State Building code, as may be amended from time to time.
 - All fences shall require a survey.

Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the Legal and Editorial Research and Report for New Germany provided by American Legal with the Work Session meeting ordinance changes as printed, along with the additional changes made at tonight's meeting; Council is in approval with the City Attorney Dave Hubert's recommendation on the remaining Legal & Editorial Research questions to meet the deadline of May 31, 2019. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

2. Jaeger and Turnquist reported on Janitor Gary Bonk's employee review. Janitor Gary noted to Council the windows in the hall should be put as a budget item, floor scrubber is also needed. Council discussed the monthly wage and addition wages per hour for repairs and or cleaning. Hartwig moved and Jaeger seconded increasing Gary Bonk's hour wage of \$12 to \$14 for the additional services he provides. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0
3. Council reviewed the comments from City Attorney in regards to the LTD Broadband contract. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the recommendation of City Attorney in regards to the LTD Broadband contract. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0
4. Clerk provided Steve Van Lith, Public Works Superintendent information on street signs, state statue on speed limit mph posting, public works various policies and procedures; Van Lith will review and bring back to Council on June 4 with his recommendations.

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R. NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Van Lith reported his meter is leaking at Steve's Auto repair and his plumber is coming in the AM to replace some water valves and will install the new meter.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Hartwig moved and Turnquist seconded adjourning the meeting at 8:24 PM. The motion carried. 4/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer