

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – MAY 7, 2019

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting and Public Hearing was held May 7, 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, Assistant Fire - Chief Ryan Goede.

Audience members were: none.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT- no comments

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the April 16, 2019 Council minutes. The motion carried. 3/0  
Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the April 30 Work Session minutes. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: no report.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mayor Van Lith read Justin Hecksel resignation from the Fire Department. Ryan Goede confirmed it is the Fire Departments recommendation to approve the resignation and do not put on reserves as Justin does not work in the City during daytime hours. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded accepting the complete resignation and denying the reserves request. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

Mayor Van Lith reported on meeting with Justin Black the City Engineer in regards to the retention and storm water ponds in Black Forest; Justin suggested the Fire Department burn the cattails off. After discussion it was decided the best practice would be to do this procedure in late winter or early spring of 2020.

All paperwork for DNR grant has been submitted; \$2292.00 funds received.

G. TREASURE REPORT:

1. The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,291,239.82, which includes the CD's balance of \$49,589.01. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 3/0
2. April bank reconciliation was reviewed by Council.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the claims in the amount of \$18,293.72. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT:

1. David Henning is willing to donate a pontoon with motor to the city (no trailer) for the spreading of alum on the wastewater ponds as described in the city's phase 1 of the facility plan which is addressing the phosphorus issue. David would like a letter of donation for \$1,000 from the City.
2. Repairs have been scheduled for the dehumidifier in the Water Treatment Plant.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Mike Burns was not present.
2. Mayor Van Lith moved and Jaeger seconded closing the Public Hearing for Ordinances 109 and 110. Council reviewed and discussed the proposed ordinances 109 & 110. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving Ordinance No. 109 Critical Water Deficiency Plan. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the newspaper summary for Ordinance No. 109. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

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Jaeger moved and Van Lith seconded approving Ordinance No. 110 AN Ordinance To Administer And Regulate The Public Right Of Way In The Public Interest, And To Provide For The Issuance And Regulation Of Right-Away Permits. The motion carried unanimously. 3/0

Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the summary for Ordinance No. 110. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: None

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Blight letter was sent out; extension was asked by landlord as renter is moving out on May 19.

Verbal complaint from resident in Black Forest on possible speeders on Black Forest Road; child was almost hit according to caller and not the first time. Officer Bengtson will be patrolling, ordered a speed limit sign for placement on the east side of road by storm water pond; locate has been completed. Council had discussion of signage by park area on Park Street E & Washington Avenue N. Officer Bengtson has been notified of people running stop sign by park on Park Street E & Washington Avenue N.

M. PUBLIC WORKS: Van Lith reported workers will be needed for Spring cleanup day on May 18, 7 AM – 11AM. City Shed parking lot is very soft and rutted; check with Camden if they can possible host. Mayor Van Lith reported seasonal employee Jim Heimerl will be starting soon.

N. PARKS REPORT: Commercial Clun paid for cooler at Lindstrom Park.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing more to report.

P. CITY CLERK REPORT:

1. Solid Waste grant with Carver County has been finalized; submitted for the \$2500 reimbursement for Brush agreement with Mayer.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Work Session for codification of Ordinances will be May 14, 7 PM.
2. Went through Security & Sound quotes; silent wireless panic button system, installation, labor, program, testing and training for \$670, additional \$216.00 yearly monitoring fee (1-year contract) which is billed annually. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded the quote for \$670 with the additional \$216 yearly monitoring fee. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0
3. Turnquist reported on the employee evaluations prior to the Council meeting; all favorable reviews on the two employees that received evaluations. Council discussed the future direction of the city and employees.  
Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded increasing the Part Time Office Assistant wages from 12.00 to 12.35 per hour, effective May 1, 2019. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0  
Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded increasing the Superintendent of Public Works wages from \$13.50 to \$14.00 per hour, effective May 1, 2019. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0  
Gary Bonk the Janitor is available on Wednesday or Thursday's for his evaluation; Committee requested to schedule on a Wednesday after 5 PM.  
Jaeger requested to put snow plowing on the agenda or as summer is closer to have a work session.
4. Website ADA compliance is complete and ready to go live.
5. LTD Broadband supplied the farmers contract; correct contract has been given to the city attorney.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion on 390 State Avenue N, sewer lateral is non-compliant; Henning original quote from 2016 was 2000-2200.00. Contact Henning let them know house is for sale and repairs will need to be made; Henning's to determine if the repairs are the land owner or the city. Reference in past minutes; April 5, 2016, April 19, 2016, October 18, 2016.

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S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded adjourning the meeting at 8:46 PM. The motion carried. 3/0

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