

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – JULY 2, 2019

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held July 2, 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, and Ty Turnquist. Absent – Nick Hartwig. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members were: Tom Mielke and Jeremy Hafemann.

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: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of June 18, 2019 minutes. The motion carried. 3/0
Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the June 25, 2019 Budget minutes. The motion carried. 3/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: No report.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Fire Department Tournament is August 2 -4, 2019.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General Fund balance was \$1,320,287.73, which includes the (2) CD's in the amount of \$49,589.01. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the Treasure report. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0
Council reviewed the 2019 special assessment and value distribution provided by Carver County; City is moving in the right direction.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the claims in the amount of \$58,366.72, (\$44,871.89 is Bond payments). The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Council reviewed the scope of the antidegradation review which will be Phase II of the Facility Plan; cost for antidegradation review is \$19,600.00. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the Antidegradation Facility Plan, Phase II with the cost of \$19,600. The motion carried. 3/0

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Two applicants are in attendance at Council meeting for the vacant Council seat, they both have submitted applications; Tom Mielke and Jeremy Hafemann. Mayor Van Lith explained the commitment and the duties of a Council Member. Mayor Van Lith and Council Members interviewed the two applicants asking each the same questions. Council also went through the meeting dates and times associated with the position. After interviews ended the Council and Mayor continued answering questions from the candidates. Candidates were invited to stay for the remainder of the meeting. Council will be making their decision on July 16, 2019.

2. Council reviewed the drafts of the Police Service Contracts; two options, one-year contract or a two-year contract option. Contract will go back to county for finalization and then come back to the city for final approval. Mayor Van Lith moved and Jaeger seconded to move forward with the two-year option for Police Services. The motion carried. 3/0

3. Council reviewed the Carver County Prosecution information provided from Carver County; New Germany amount for 2020 is \$310.69. Council may request Mark to attend a Council meeting this fall. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the Prosecution contract for 2020. The motion carried. 3/0

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Window permit on 07/02/19.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: No official complaints at this time.

M. PUBLIC WORKS:

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1. Researching options for Hilda Avenue; options are a minimum maintenance road or possible a dead-end road or repairs.

Van Lith reported on trees that will be removed (dead) in the Parks; volunteers will be helping.

Van Lith reported the Water Tower Park sign is in desperate need of attention; no water tower anymore, remove sign.

Van Lith reported street sign are in and new poles will need to be placed; waiting on locates.

N. PARKS REPORT: No report as of this meeting.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing further to report.

P. CITY CLERK REPORT:

1. reviewed assessment report with Treasure report.

2. Annual Health Insurance review for the Clerk; (July) rates have increased \$15 per month.

Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the \$15 healthcare increase per month. The motion carried. 3/0

3. Letter from Lease advisors to solicit cell companies for selling cell sites on the city water tower for revenue, no obligation quote; Council will pass.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Final stage of the codification of ordinances; hopefully at next meeting, keep on agenda until complete.

2. Council had discussion on the new Loitering ordinance that will be in the codification of ordinances.

3. Next Budget Work Session date is July 23, 2019 at 7 PM.

R. NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded adjourning the meeting at 8:38 PM. The motion carried. 3/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer