

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – AUGUST 6, 2019

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held August 6, 2019 in the city council room of the New Germany City Hall. Mayor Van Lith called the Council meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., those present were: Mayor Van Lith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist and Nick Hartwig. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth and Thomas Mielke.

Thomas Mielke was sworn in as Council Member.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT- no comments

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of agenda. The motion carried. 5/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of July 16, 2019 minutes. The motion carried. 5/0

Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of July 23, 2019 minutes. The motion carried. 5/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: The County and Sheriff Department were given a copy of the New Germany Codification of Ordinances.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT Mayor Van Lith reported the Fire Department Tournament was successful; possibly one ankle injury.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General Fund balance was \$1,596,804.63, which includes the (2) CD's in the amount of \$49,589.01. Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded approving the Treasure report. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Hartwig moved and Turnquist seconded approving the claims in the amount of \$15,980.10. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: The quarterly report from People Service was provided.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. A window in the upstairs of the Hall is rotten and needs to be replaced; Turnquist will check into replacing the window. Council had discussion on what is the future for the hall. Clerk reported the Janitor stated the scrubber quote supplied is sufficient for the amount of hall rentals; if rentals would significantly increase then a more durable scrubber would be needed. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the floor scrubber purchase of \$3769. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: none

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

M. PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Van Lith has not reviewed policies.

2. Van Lith reported he has been researching air compressors; public works is need of a new air compressor. No authorization is needed if under \$1000 as stated in the Purchase Policy. Van Lith brought up he has had complaints on Hilda Avenue; Henning's supplied Van Lith with a quote of \$2000 - \$2500 for repairs on Hilda. Clerk reported LMC research; city cannot declare a minimum maintenance road, need to follow the state fire requirements for dead ends, turnarounds, etc., city has to abide by the minimum requirements of road maintenance. It was recommended to meet with the townships and renegotiate the Hilda Avenue maintenance. Townships (Camden and Hollywood) receive all of the Township property tax portion; city does not receive any property taxes for Hilda or 62nd Street. The City has to chip seal 62nd Street as well. Jaeger moved and Van Lith seconded approving Henning's to repair Hilda and not to exceed \$3,000. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

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

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- O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing further to report.
- P. CITY CLERK REPORT:
1. Drug Take Back date of October 26, 10 AM – 2 PM at the Hall.
2. Tree removal in the Park is about a month out.
3. Time off request.
- Q. OLD BUSINESS:
1. Mayor Van Lith and Council members Jaeger and Turnquist will be attending the Open Meeting Law Training on August 14 from 6 – 8 PM in Waconia.
2. August 27, 7 PM will be the next Budget Work Session. Updated budget information was provided to Council.
- R. NEW BUSINESS: Nothing more to report.
- S. ADJOURNMENT: Hartwig moved and Jaeger seconded adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM. The motion carried. 5/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer