

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – OCTOBER 1, 2019

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held October 1, 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, Thomas Mielke and Nick Hartwig. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members were: none.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT- None.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of agenda with the addition of Resolution 2019-13. The motion carried. 5/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded approval of September 17, 2019 Council minutes. The motion carried. 5/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Mayer is looking at adding or scheduling later hours for police coverage this could impact New Germany.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: No report, next meeting is October 7, 2019.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General Fund balance was \$1,627,721.94, which includes the (2) CD's in the amount of \$49,723.00. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving the Treasure report. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Mielke moved and Jaeger seconded approving the claims in the amount of \$27,077.29. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Lee with People Service has taken pond samples and will be discharging ponds when samples are cleared by MPCA; with rain ponds are high.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. New Germany Relief Association donated \$491.19 of gambling funds for Parks supplies. Turnquist moved and Mielke seconded approving Resolution 2019-12 A Resolution Approving the LG55 Government Approval or Acknowledgement for use of Gambling Funds. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

2. The New Germany Relief Association donated \$1500 of gambling funds to be used for the cement needed at Lindstrom Park. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving Resolution 2019-13 A Resolution Approving the LG55 Government Approval or Acknowledgement for use of Gambling Funds. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Roof -206 State Avenue S, garage – 350 Park Street E, replacing tin and garage doors – 190 State Avenue N.

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

M. PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Van Lith has not reviewed.

2. Council reviewed the snow removal information received from Green Meadows for the City of New Germany; Clerk sent out several letters to local excavators and received information back from Green Meadows. Van Lith reported he is researching on city truck. City would still need a sander and a plow for the new truck, Hartwig noted it would be best to stay away from sander on a new truck. Green Meadows was willing to use the city salt and sand mixture but would need access to equipment for loading if the city decides to contract snow services; Council discussed the public works plowing hours and reviewed the prices of Green Meadows for snow removal. Van Lith expressed if he is getting up to maintain sidewalks and other city areas then he would like to continue providing all the snow removal for the city; Council had a discussion on the equipment. Van Lith noted he is now retired and is planning on the plowing this season. Turnquist noted the city needs to look at the future of public works department

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besides just plowing and mowing, many other areas that need attention. Council discussed the current repairs that are needed on pay loader; Hartwig will contact Mark Lubke and see if he is interested in welding repairs on pay loader, salt will be needed.

N. PARKS REPORT: Jaeger provided reports from Commercial Club. Jaeger also mentioned the ventilation in the concession stands needs to be fixed, mold everywhere. Hartwig thoughts were possible a small air exchanger may be the way to go; what is needed is to pull the moisture out of the room. Clerk mentioned a HVAC company will send them to Hartwig.
Halloween party is October 26. Eric informed Jaeger the Tournament will be here in 2020.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing further to report.

P. CITY CLERK REPORT: October 26 Medicine Take Back at Hall (am). Discussion on final levy date of December 27; clerk will make adjustment and provide a copy to Council for final approval. Discussion on part time help during Clerk's medical leave; Shirley will learn utility software. Come up with hours and post on door for public; Clerk should be available by phone in 10-14 days, work from home when able.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Shawn Bode sent an email stating he will be compliant by October 6.
2. Council is moving forward with alley project; schedule with Mueller's.

3. Council had discussion on the blight letters that were previously sent out, 26 letters went out and 11 are still non complaint and past the date; move forward with next step. Public Works will go around as it was brought to the city's attention there is many more violators with boats, vehicles, campers that are currently not on rock, cement, blacktop pads as required by ordinance. The city's goal is to be fair to all residents and ordinances pertain to everyone. Public Works will make rounds again tomorrow and provide the list of additional non-compliant issues and check on the previous non complaint addresses. City did receive email from resident who received a non-compliant letter on his camper; resident noted he will be working on providing a rock pad for his camper as weather cooperates.

R. NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Jaeger moved and Hartwig seconded adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM. The motion carried. 5/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer