

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – OCTOBER 15, 2019

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held October 15, 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, absent was Nick Hartwig. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth, Fire Chief Dan Ruschmeier, Jason Kamerud and Mike Wollin with the Carver County Sheriff office. Audience members were: Kevin Artmann, Jeff Wessale, and Stewart Aldrich.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT- Artmann, Wessale and Aldrich were present to discuss the ordinance violation letter they received from the city. Council and residents discussed the vehicle issues and ordinance requirements, it was then decided Artmann is not in violation as everything is licensed and on rock as required. Aldrich and Wessale have removed the vehicles that were in question; Council and Wessale had a discussion on the depth of rock and requirements.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of October 1, 2019 Council minutes. The motion carried. 4/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Sheriff Jason Kamerud and Deputy Sheriff Mike Wollin were present to discuss the police services for New Germany. Kamerud explained the history of Carver County Police Department contracting impacts the Carver County Police Department and services. Overall the police department has been in litigation with Chaska several times in regards to Chaska subsidizing the program for county wide police services. Kamerud explained how and what services the police contract covers and the partnership New Germany has with Mayer on the police services; New Germany is a .12 at this time and Sheriff Department would like to see this increase over the next few years to a .20. Mayer has increased their contract hours noted Kamerud but they will continue the police coverage partnership with New Germany. Kamerud is aware of the economic issues that New Germany is currently in with wastewater issues, and Wollin and Kamerud would like to see New Germany come up with a plan to work towards the goal of a .20 in the next few years. Kamerud noted they are hiring and training a fair number of officers and if you see two riding together this is most likely training the new officers. Kamerud explained Mayer is increasing their coverage and the days will be a rotating of Tuesday – Friday and Wednesday – Saturday shifts every other week; hours would be 3PM – 1AM. Council did not have any issue with the above changes. Council is willing to work with the Sheriff Department for future planning and budgeting; New Germany Police contracts were previously approved for 2020 and 2021.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Ruschmeier was present to discuss fire department needs of turn out gear for the fire fighters. Turn out gear has to be replaced every 10 years and the SCBA's is every 15 years. Turn out gear is \$3,114.33 per fire fighter and the need is 10 – 13 sets; 3 fire fighters may possible be retiring, will determine if needed. Chief Ruschmeier was estimating the cost of \$31,143.33 for 10 sets, \$40,486.29 for 13 sets. Chief Ruschmeier noted the fire truck purchase will have to be pushed out a few years as this equipment is needed for the personal safety of the fire fighters. Turn out gear was not in the FMP; Council had discussion on FMP and planning process. Chief Ruschmeier also noted that a fire department building need may be before the fire truck purchase. Council stressed the importance of having everything in the FMP for the planning purposes; FMP will need to be updated to reflect the changes. In the memo from Ehlers the FMP was planning \$350,00 for fire truck and now will be an estimated \$150-158,000, the difference for the equipment needs would come out of the FD truck and building capital fund. In the memo Ehlers explained the financial options for the equipment; internal financing was one option or an equipment certificate is the other option. Internal financing there are a number of options, such as the city general fund issuing an interfund loan (IFL) to the Fire Department Capital Fund. The City would need to continue to levy to repay the IFL. The benefit of the option would be that the City could save money on the costs of issuance and the interest wouldn't be paid to the bank. Ehlers would need to continue further research to determine what funds have the capacity for the 5-year IFL and if one or multiple funds should share the IFL (i.e. City General fund and Fire General Funds). Due to the relatively small size of the proposed equipment certificate Ehlers suggests that the term be reduced from a 10 year to a five year. The 2020 levy is sufficient to cover the approximate \$34,500 debt service. The law requires a 105% overlay, so the annual levy would be approximately \$36,000. The proposed levy anticipated a \$42,000, so the equipment certificate will work within the framework of the

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2020 budget and FMP. Either way the Council should adopt a reimbursement resolution. This will allow the City to pay the immediate bill for the SCBAs and retain the flexibility for reimbursement from an equipment certificate when it's issued. Ehlers has provided Resolution 2019-15 which will give the City the flexibility to decide and research the best options for the City.

Mielke moved and Jaeger seconded to purchase the needed turn out gear for the fire fighters. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

Chief Ruschmeier noted the Relief Association will be giving a donation to the City for \$1,000 for the purchase of Stokes basket which is for the 6-wheeler rescue unit (holds person on back board, similar to a cage). Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded approving the Stokes basket purchase for the Fire Department rescue equipment. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General Fund balance was \$1,628,700.92, 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. 4/0

September bank reconciliation, quarterly reports and online quarterly reports were reviewed by Council. Budget is appearing on track, may be a few minor cuts for 2020; still researching.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Turnquist moved and Mielke seconded approving the claims in the amount of \$20,343.68. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Mayer City Council is not against the City of New Germany researching the regionalization; New Germany will be responsible for any fees encountered with Mayer's engineers or other sources that may be needed to complete the research.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Resolution 2019-14 is a Resolution Adopting Assessment for Unpaid Utility Bills. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded Resolution 2019-14. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

2. Resolution 2019-15 is a Resolution Establishing Procedures Relating to Compliance with Reimbursement Bond Regulations Under the Internal Revenue Code that Ehlers has recommended for the Fire Department Equipment Purchase. Council had a brief discussion on the budget process and the work that goes into the FMP (Financial Management Plan), everyone needs to be on board for the success of the plan. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving Resolution 2019-15. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 540 State Avenue S – window permit.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Resident complaint of a loud truck at 6:30 AM that heads south on County road 33; very annoying and children are trying to sleep, can hear it for miles.

M. PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Van Lith has not reviewed. Van Lith noted the Mark Luebke did the welding needed on the payloader and they will be installing the wing on the payloader. Van Lith noted he does have some additional winter plowing back up, Jake Kemnitz; Jake is a fire fighter, and does Public Works at Waconia.

Van Lith reported he will be working with Henning's on the tree and roots issue by the culvert in the Black Forest Development.

N. PARKS REPORT: Jaeger reported the concession stand went through the state inspection. October 26 is the Halloween Party, set up is on the 24th.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing further to report.

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P. CITY CLERK REPORT: Fire hydrant flushing will be the last week of October, will put in newsletter. Ryan Miles with Ehlers will be present at the November 5 meeting and give an update on where everything is at.

Clerk attended Presidential Primary meeting in Maple Grove on October 9, presentation was by David Meade with the Secretary of State; should be very interesting primary.

Discussion on Hilda and 62nd Street and what direction Council would like to move forward with; start with a workshop after the first of the year.

October 26, 10 AM is Medicine Take Back Day; Turnquist will open hall. Clerk would like October 17 as a vacation day. Van Lith moved and Mielke seconded approving vacation request. The motion carried, unanimously. 4/0

Reminder of medical leave starts October 28; Council packets will go out prior to leave for the November 5th meeting.

Ehlers present for December 3 Truth and Taxation meeting; wait and see until final numbers are completed.

HVAC person Clerk checked with for the concession stand work only does residential; no commercial. Eric Roepke was going to place a dehumidifier in the building.

Q. OLD BUSINESS: None at this time.

R. NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded adjourned the meeting at 8:47 PM. The motion carried. 4/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer