

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES --- NOVEMBER 5, 2019

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on November 5, 2019 in the city council room of the New Germany City Hall. Mayor VanLith called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM those present were Mayor VanLith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Thomas Mielke, absent Nick Hartwig. Others present were Fire Chief Dan Ruschmeier and Justin Black from SEH.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: None

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Justin Black from SEH needed to be added to the Agenda. On motion by Ty Turnquist, second Thomas Mielke and passed 4/0 approving the Agenda with the addition of Justin Black.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: One correction noted in the Minutes on the fire department report the dollar amount should be \$350,000 not \$350,00. Noting this minor correction on motion by Ty Turnquist, second Thomas Mielke and passed 4/0 approving the Minutes of October 15, 2019 as printed.

E. SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: SCBA's are here, will have formal training on November 18 at regular training meeting. Six hand held radios have been donated from Minnetrista. Fire Relief Association will be putting money in Truck and Building Fund. \$10,000. Will be going to the Relief Fund from the annual softball tournament.

G. TREASURER REPORT: None Available.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS. On motion by Thomas Mielke, second Ty Turnquist and passed 4/0 approving the claims as presented.

I. SEWER WATER REPORT: Quarterly reports from People Service were included in the Council packet. Ponds will be discharged tomorrow. Justin Black from SEH was present to discuss the option of regionalization with the City of Mayer in regard Waste Water Treatment Facility. The City of Mayer would be open to a discussion of regionalization. However, the City of Mayer needs to have some information on the following: determination of Mayer's projected flows and loads; analysis of the WWTF for capacity and impacts to the processes for current and future flows and loads from both Mayer and New Germany; provide preliminary cost estimates for the needed improvements. This analysis would be completed by the engineer for the City of Mayer, Bolton and Menk. The estimated fee for this study would be \$14,300. Our city engineer has tried to negotiate with Bolton and Menk, however, they are firm on this number. Several questions were raised by Council as to how much of this study was going to be done by the City of Mayer whether we would join together with them or not. MPCA would like to see this happen joining several communities with one WWTF. Question was again raised what are our other options, ponds

could be added or expanded by digging or hooking up with the Met Council. An agreement is still in place with Met Council. Also what would be an approximate cost to send the waste water over to Mayer. SEH will analyze these cost options and get back to the Council with some approximate numbers. Council felt it would be better to work directly with Mayer and then have them go to their engineer instead of us working with the engineer directly. Also, if a decision is made at a future meeting to go with Mayer a cap should be put on the engineering fees before any studies are started.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Ryan Miles from Ehlers Investments was not present at this meeting. Resolution No. 2019-16 approving the LG55 Government Approval or Acknowledgement for use of Gambling Funds in the amount of \$2560.00 to be used for Park Ball Field Supplies, Ty Turnquist moved and Shirley Jaeger seconded to approve the Resolution 2019-16, motion carried 4/0 Resolution 2019-17 approving the LG55 Government Approval or Acknowledgment for Use of Gambling Funds in the amount of \$1750.00 to be used for Park Ball Field Supplies—Ag-Lime. Was noted that this purchase had been made in the fall as prices were going up considerably in the spring. On motion by Thomas Mielke, second Ty Turnquist and passed 4/0 accepting the Resolution 2019-17.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 271 State Avenue S.—door replacement; 561 Park Street E—basement finish; 150 Broadway Street E. ---roof rear section of building and alterations to roof.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Resident who lives down on Manning Street stated that several times boats from Minnesota Inboard have been parked on the road not allowing land renter or resident to enter his land. The Mayor has had conversations with both parties and they will meet and work out a comprise that will work with both parties.

M. PUBLIC WORKS: Street sweeping will be done tomorrow weather permitting. Mueller’s from Hamburg will be starting work on the alley beginning on Thursday. Residents and businesses have been notified of the construction. Pay loader is about ready to go; wing is not yet on but will be done in the near future. In regard to the root problem in Black Forest, resident has taken down a tree, had stump grinding done and the root problem may have been taken care of by doing this. Public Works will continue to watch this.

N. PARK REPORT: None.

O. MAYOR’S REPORT: None

P. CITY CLERK REPORT: City Clerk is out on medical leave; Councilor, Shirley Jaeger has been at the office for a few hours a day answering phone calls and accepting water bills.

Q. OLD BUSINESS: None

R. NEW BUSINESS: None

S. ADJOURNMENT: On motion by Ty Turnquist, second Thomas Mielke and passed 4/0 adjourning the meeting at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Shirley Jaeger

Councilor

