

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – MARCH 4, 2020

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held March 4, 2020 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 Nick Hartwig. Absent – Ty Turnquist and Thomas Mielke. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members were: none.
- B. CITIZEN COMMENT- None.
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jaeger moved and Hartwig seconded approval of agenda. The motion carried. 3/0
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Jaeger moved and Hartwig seconded approval of February 18, 2020 Council minutes. The motion carried. 3/0
- E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:
1. Jaeger moved and Hartwig seconded approving the 3.2 beer license and consumption and display license for the Fire Department and Commercial Club. The motion carried. 3/0
- F. SHERIFFS REPORT: Monthly report was available for review.
- G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: James Martin submitted his resignation from the New Germany Fire Department dated December 1, 2019. New Germany Fire Dept recommends to Council to accept the resignation reported Mayor Van Lith. Jaeger moved and Hartwig seconded approving James Martin resignation from the New Germany Fire Department. The motion carried. 3/0
- H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General Fund balance was \$1,217,916.14, which includes the (2) CD's in the amount of \$49,996.22. Jaeger moved and Hartwig seconded approving the Treasure report. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0
Clerk reported Ehlers Investments invested another 250,000 and soon will be investing an additional \$500,000; this is not reflected in Treasure report; Clerk waits until statement is received and makes the appropriate adjustments and makes the notation on that month's treasure report. Clerk reminded Council these funds can be accessed at any time, with no penalties.
- I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Jaeger moved and Hartwig seconded approving the claims in the amount of \$10,205.21. The motion carried, unanimously. 3/0
- J. WATER SEWER REPORT:
1. Lee Ortloff completed the sludge depth testing on the wastewater ponds; consisted of drilling many holes through each pond and measuring the cake like thick substance on the bottom of the ponds. Lee completed a drawing with all the measurement of his findings in the wastewater ponds.
- K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Garage at 370 Park street East.
- L. COMPLAINT LOG: None at this time.
- M. PUBLIC WORKS: no addition items.
- N. PARKS REPORT: Jaeger reported she is working on Thrivent card for Easter Egg Hunt.
- O. MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Van Lith read an invitation to New Germany Council from Mark Willems who is running for County Commissioner, District 5 seat; see invitation if interested in attending.
- P. CITY CLERK REPORT: Shop vac showed up next to recycle container, no luck in finding who it belongs to, placed in the basement. Clerk Convention March 16 – 19th, Shirley would need to do minutes on the 17th and Clerk would not be present for employee review (reschedule Clerk). Reminder March 9 meeting with Met Council is also posted. March 10 Clerk and wastewater operator Lee Ortloff will meet with Representative Nash and staff. April 14 is the Hilda/62nd Street work Session.

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Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council decided with the absence of Turnquist and Mielke they will revisit the Hall information at the next meeting. Clerk will make notes for items that need to be discussed; hall contract, floor, windows, racking and drain pan in walk in cooler backroom.

2. Employee review – move forward with Steve as planned on the 17th, reschedule Clerk.

3. Clerk read note from Turnquist pertaining to Planning Commission meeting on February 25. Next Planning Commission meeting is on March 10 as a variance application has been submitted (roof top solar) and the other application may require a Comp Plan amendment and rezoning of a property may be needed for a building application. Hartwig would like Turnquist to call him prior to March 10 meeting. In the future it was recommended by SEH to review the applications prior to Planning Commission meetings to assist the Planning Commission to make the best decision for the best interest of the city.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Clerk gave Council a handout on Pandemic Planning Guidance for Cities.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Jaeger moved and Hartwig seconded adjourned the meeting at 7:29 PM. The motion carried. 3/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer