

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – FEBRUARY 18, 2020

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held February 18, 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, 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: Van Lith moved and Turnquist seconded approval of agenda, with moving the Auditor after D. approval of minutes. The motion carried. 5/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded approval of February 4th, 2020 Council minutes. The motion carried. 5/0

Auditor – Sara with Oberloh and Associates was present to discuss the 2019 audit results. The city audit is on cash basis, cities under 2500 population have the cash option reporting basis reported Sara. Sara presented the audit; Council and Auditor had a discussion on the Fire Department money that is in repayment from the city. City will check with Ehlers on repayment options as the funds are there to pay it off. Sara suggested to also talk with Ehlers on the unassigned fund amounts. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the 2019 audit as presented & printed. The motion carried. 5/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Clerk had meeting with Mike Wollin on verbiage changes in the Police contract. Clerk gave Council a copy with all changes for them to review, all fairly minor changes.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: No report.

G. TREASURE REPORT: 2020 Local Government Aid increased from \$27,184 to \$27,425, Police contract refund of \$1,236.52. In the Ehlers Investment portfolio reported the \$250,000 invested, made \$330.38 of interest in one month, they will be investing another \$250,000 and hopefully gradually build to 1 million which could possible net \$14,000 of interest in one year. The Treasury report noted that the General Fund balance was \$1,214,107.12, which includes the (2) CD's in the amount of \$49,996.22. Council reviewed the bank reconciliation report.

Turnquist moved and Mielke seconded approving the Treasure report. The motion carried. 5/0
In 2019 the New Germany Fire Department Relief Association (pull tabs gambling) donated \$19,000 to the Fire Department truck and building capital fund, donations of \$10,139.38 to Parks, another \$2,000 for Fire Department Equipment.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the claims in the amount of \$11,604.18. The motion carried. 5/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Lee included the water and wastewater quarterly report and maintenance logs. Turnquist was inquiring on water used versed wastewater pumped through the lift station.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Presented after D. Approval of Minutes.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: none to report.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: no complaints.

M. PUBLIC WORKS: no report.

N. PARKS REPORT: no report.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Letter from Carver County for land public hearing; does not affect city.

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P. CITY CLERK REPORT: Planning Commission meeting on February 25, 6 PM; will be reviewing a mini storage proposal and commercial roof top solar proposal.
Election equipment trainings at County on February 18 and 20, 2020 will post on door. Presidential Primary is March 3, polls open at 7 AM – close at 8 PM.
Camden Election judges are being paid \$15 per hour; Presidential Primary we are to be reimbursed for expenses occurred. We will be utilizing some of the Camden Township judges for New Germany this year and Camden's rate of pay is \$15 per hour for an Election Judge. Mielke moved and Van Lith seconded approving the election judge wage to \$15 per hour. The motion carried 5/0
The fee schedule will need to be amended to reflect the rate of pay for Election Judge.
Clerk has been programming more messages onto sign; sign is working well.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council reviewed Hall Rental contract and will put this back on the agenda.
 - Did not have floor quote back.
 - Window quote of \$4,635.78 from First Street Construction was for 3 windows; \$1,545.26 per window. Turnquist questioned the grade and brand of window; Clerk will find out and bring back to the next meeting.
2. Employee reviews will continue on March 17, 2020 with Van Lith at 6 PM.
3. Work Session date for Hilda/62nd Street will be on April 14,

R. NEW BUSINESS: Council had a discussion for future agendas; individuals with business whom attend the meeting should be moved up on the agenda as some have traveled longer distances.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Hartwig seconded adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM. The motion carried. 5/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer