

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – AUGUST 4, 2020

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held August 4, 2020 in the City Hall basement of the New Germany City Hall, applying the 6 ft social distance, and mask requirement. Mayor Van Lith called the Council meeting and Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m., those present were: Mayor Van Lith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Thomas Mielke and Jeremy Hafemann. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members were: Larry Lipinski, Jay Johnson, Lori Latzig, Kevin Artmann, and Kira Karels with Herald Journal.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT- Kevin Artmann and Lori Goebel were present to discuss the blight letter they received in the mail and requested an extension; Council agreed to a one-month extension, September 4, 2020 to become complaint.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jaeger moved and Hafemann second approval of agenda. The motion carried. 5/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded approval of July 21, 2020 Council minutes, with the following corrections; clarifying quarterly billing not monthly with Waste Management, and all-weather stripping is to be magnetic on the back door of the hall. The motion carried. 5/0

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Jay Johnson who is a volunteer Outreach Coordinator for American Promise of MN, West Metro Chapter was present to explain their concerns about the big money and dark money that has come to dominate politics. Jay explained in every district across the great nation, concentrated money from self-interested elites dominates our elections, drowns out the free speech rights of your constituents, and corrupts competitive free enterprise with pay-to-play crony capitalism. To fix this this we need a US Constitutional amendment to:

- enable the State of MN to govern its own elections, free of dominating outside and special-interest influence.
- Increase the political representation of your constituents
- Ensure your constituents don't have to buy their political voice to be heard
- Foster more competition, more free speech, and better debate in elections, reported Jay Johnson.
- Jay mentioned other cities in MN that have adopted and are looking into adopting the American Promise by Resolution. Council discussed how or even if they should be making the decision for the residents when no one has requested; after discussion it was tabled and Jay Johnson would look into a polling post card that would poll the residents. Council will review the information and if the majority of residents approve Council will revisit the resolution.

2. Broadband called out People Service on weekend for entry to Water tower on account of the keypad not functioning correctly; fee for People Service was \$105. Council discussed other options for Broadband entry to the Water tower; decided a lighted key lock box.

F. SHERIFFS REPORT: Officer Joe will be stopping at 540 Park Street East for the removal of the boat and trailer parked on the street.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: No report.

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General Fund balance was \$787,307.36, which includes the (1) CD's in the amount of \$26,290.58, Investment account balance is an additional \$1,004,717.05. Mielke moved and Turnquist second approving the Treasure report. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving the claims in the amount of \$8,030.77. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

J. WATER SEWER REPORT: Council reviewed the quarterly report from People Service.

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K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 310 Camden Avenue – roof over deck/porch, fence 700 Black Forest Road.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: 24 blight letters sent out.

M. PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Van Lith reported on the storm drain tile in Black Forest; Henning's is reviewing the roots at the O-ring; possible try and cut the roots, need to schedule for repair in the future.

Chip Seal is August 10; post on the streets that will be receiving.

N. PARKS REPORT: Jaeger reported the girls league is completed, modified is finishing up. State Tournament decision should be in about 10 days.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Van Lith reported the Hollywood Special Waste Collection for Carver County residents on September 12 from 8 – 12 noon, certain items, no furniture, mattresses, or garbage.

Mayor Van Lith and Jeremy Hafemann would like to know if the city is not receiving a packer truck for clean-up day do, we get a refund as this service was not provided and was part of the contracted services with Republic; Clerk will research with Republic.

P. CITY CLERK REPORT: Discussion with Council on is the city ready for a part time public works permanent 2-3 days a week position. Share with another city; after discussion it was thought we are not at this time.

Hall rentals – a few requests for October; stay with no rentals as we cannot accommodate all the covid requirements for rentals.

New stove scheduled for August 11.

Inquiry on hunting in city limits – not allowed in city limits.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council reviewed Ordinance 115 and made minor typo changes – no one present for Public Hearing, no comments submitted by email or mail for the Public Hearing on Ordinance 115 amendment. Mielke moved and Turnquist second approving the amendments to Ordinance 115. The motion carried. 5/0

2. Council reviewed Ordinance 116, no one present for Public Hearing, no comments submitted by email or mail for the Public Hearing on Ordinance 116 amendment. Jaeger moved and Hafemann second approving Ordinance 116 amendments. The motion carried. 5/0

Mayor Van Lith closed the Public Hearing.

3. New Germany Hall

- Back door – Turnquist will talk with First Street Construction.
- No rentals as discussed.
- Mayor Van Lith reported a fire fighter may apply for the janitor position; no applications have been received.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Planning Commission Chair Turnquist reported on the July 28 meeting; banners on fence and commercial parking lot violations. Turnquist reported they are in violation and non-compliant and not following the ordinance. Parking lots and temporary signs is in the Zoning Ordinance and falls under the Planning Commission, therefore it is referred to the Planning Commission; Council had discussion on procedure.

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S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM. The motion carried. 5/0

Respectfully Submitted, \_\_\_\_\_ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer