

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – AUGUST 18, 2020

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held August 18, 2020 in the City Hall basement of the New Germany City Hall, applying the 6 ft social distance requirement. 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, Jeremy Hafemann. Absent: Thomas Mielke. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members were: Andrew with Herald Journal.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT- None.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Hafemann moved and Jaeger second approval of agenda, with removal of Resolution 2020-17. The motion carried. 4/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approval of August 18, 2020 Council minutes. The motion carried. 4/0

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Resolution 2020-17 has been removed.

F. SHERIFFS REPORT: Monthly available for review. New officer for New Germany starting August 24; Allie Jacobson, will attend a meeting in the future.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: No report.

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General Fund balance was \$828,277.75, which includes the CD in the amount of \$26,290.58, Investment account balance is an additional \$1,008,321.13. Jaeger moved and Hafemann second approving the Treasure report. The motion carried. 4/0

July bank reconciliation was reviewed.

I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Jaeger moved and Hafemann second approving the claims in the amount of \$14,987.95. The motion carried. 4/0

J. WATER SEWER REPORT:

1. Quote for o rings in the lift station; 2 pumps parts and installation \$1600. Turnquist moved and Hafemann second approving the lift station pump repair quote for \$1600. The motion carried. 4/0

2. Dehumidifier in Water Treatment Plant and ac unit compressor in well 2 have been scheduled for repairs with Lee's Refrigeration.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: none at this time.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Complaint of ATV, UTV, and dirt bike use on Park Street E; wheelies, possible speeding and or reckless driving; used for running to bars, could be intoxicated, going to Black Forest area, concerned resident for all of the children that ride bikes or play or use the street for Park access. Council had a discussion on the number of children that live with in Park Street, Council has concern's with vehicles and the recreational vehicle use, that are not obeying the traffic signs (stop sign and speeding issues). Council reviewed the ATV, UTV, dirt bike ordinances; decision was to first inform residents with a flyer; informing residents of the traffic code for all vehicles.

M. PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Van Lith reported the bobcat tire was in for repair.

2. Council had discussion on the damage that was done on Park Street East as a result of a party at 230 Park Street East; quote for damages (burn out repairs) is \$2,000. It was the opinion of Barga Inc., that when water sets in the burn out marks, over time this could cause potholes. Barga suggested to advise the people to stop during burn outs. Activity has settled down at this resident, keep on file, if this type of activity resumes, then send a bill for damage.

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N. PARKS REPORT: One more night of games, Tournament went well, schedule the porta pots to be picked up next week.

O. MAYORS REPORT: August 26 Budget work session; may be late for meeting.

P. CITY CLERK REPORT:

1. Elections – Primary voting was up; 20% voter turnout, busy, everything went well.

2. Waste Management clarification on billing; city would be billed monthly and if WM bills residents directly it is quarterly.

3. Republic has not been charging the city for any clean up days; contract states it is to be billed to the city. Discussion on fall clean-up for garbage only, options from Republic;

3-hour, truck, staff \$3,740.66,

4-hour, truck, staff \$ 4,039.16,

4- hour, 2 trucks, 2 staff \$6,131.81.

Jaeger moved and Hafemann second to schedule a garbage items only (mattress, small furniture, garbage, no appliances, no electronics, no tires) for September 12, 2020 from 8 AM – 11 AM for New Germany residents only. The motion carried. 4/0 Clerk will verify date with Republic.

The appliances. Electronics, tires can all be taken to the cleanup at Hollywood on September 12.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Hall

- RMC will be scheduling cleaning of bathrooms with ambulance crew at New Germany facility, includes FD bathroom, and vacuuming the hall weekly. Of course, when rentals start, they are not responsible for any of the cleaning.

- Back door - no update.

2. Cares funds

- Council reviewed the surface pro and lap top quotes for Council tablets and a laptop for the Clerk for remote working; Cares funds may be used for this purchase as it is a non-budgeted item in the event virtual meetings would be needed. Lap top \$1514.20, Surface Pro 16 GB with key board \$1678.98 each, Surface Pro 8 GB with key board \$1445.47. Hafemann moved and Jaeger second to purchase 5 Surface Pro at \$1678.98, and one lap top for the Clerk at \$1514.20. The motion carried. 4/0

- Faucet update – no update.

- Council reviewed the programs with Carver County Community Development; Housing Stability Program, Small Business Emergency Assistance Program Non-Profit Emergency Assistance Fund. Council discussed ways they could distribute cares funds to the program and benefit as first priority the New Germany business's that were impacted on account of the covid shut down.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

- Clarification on utility billing from August 4 meeting; use usage number to make decision.

- Bob Kost with SEH is retiring (City Planner) SEH will use virtual option from their Lacrosse, WI until the position is filled in Hutchinson office.

Mayor Van Lith has reported that Jaguar has been bought out and is now Metro Net; check franchise agreement.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Hafemann seconded adjourned the meeting at 8:36 PM. The motion carried. 4/0

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