

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – November 17, 2020

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The regular City Council meeting was held on November 17, 2020 in the city hall basement of the New Germany City Hall using the recommended Covid guidelines. Mayor Steven Van Lith called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Those present were: Mayor Van Lith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, absent was Thomas Mielke. Others present were: City Clerk Twyla Menth. Audience members were: None
- B. CITIZEN COMMENT: none
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Added resignation of Council member Jeremy Hafemann and Canvass meeting minutes. **Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving the agenda with additions. The motion carried. 3/0**
- D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approving November 4, 2020 minutes. The motion carried. 3/0**
Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approving Canvass meeting minutes on November 10, 2020. The motion carried. 3/0
- E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Mayor Van Lith read Council member Jeremy Hafemann's resignation effective immediately. **Jaeger moved and Turnquist second accepting the resignation from Council member Jeremy Hafemann. The motion carried. 3/0**
- F. SHERIFF'S REPORT: Monthly report was available for review.
- G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: no report, Fire Chief Dan Ruschmeier not present. Mayor Van Lith noted the FD is working on changing their fiscal year; calls will coincide with state reporting.
- H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$822,791.09, which includes the CD balance of \$26,290.58. Investment statement was included in the report; balance for October is \$1,012,273.92, change in value of -\$1,520.31 from September. Council also reviewed the October bank reconciliation. **Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 3/0**
- Cares report was included; \$19.13 was the remaining balance of the Cares funds, put towards payroll.
- I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approving claims in the amount of \$30,938.84. The motion carried. 3/0**
Note – claims were \$30,938.84, of that amount \$12,524.40 Cares fund expenditures preapproved at November 4 Council meeting.
- J. WATER SEWER REPORT: MN Department of Health quarterly report was reviewed; everything complaint. Clerk has found approximately 30 Orion heads from another city in Illinois, only need to pay

shipping for the transponders. Clerk provided a quote for informational purposes on transponders and computer software in the event of a malfunction; \$12,400 just for the tablet and software, new cellular end points are an additional \$285 each, with additional per meter fess for cellular technology.

- K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: none
- L. COMPLAINT LOG: none
- M. PW REPORT: none
- N. PARKS REPORT: Santa will be on the Fire Truck, give out candy to the children; Saturday December 5, starting at approximately 10 AM and ending at the St Mark parking lot for pictures.
- O. MAYORS REPORT: nothing further to report.
- P. CLERKS REPORT: Discussion on logo for the City; possible logo contest in newsletter. Received some negative feedback on the utility postcards for billing; check other options when the stock runs low. Legion canceled Turkey Bingo.
- Q. OLD BUSINESS: Discussion on the save the date check for a hall rental, no rentals with the new Covid guidelines for 2020.
- R. NEW BUSINESS: none
- S. ADJOURNMENT: **Turnquist moved and Jaeger second to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM. The motion carried. 3/0**

Respectfully submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasure