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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – MAY 17, 2022

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A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting & Baseball Light Public Hearing was held on May 17, 2022 in the city hall basement of the New Germany City Hall. Mayor Van Lith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., those present were: Mayor Van Lith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, Thomas Mielke, and Kevin Grove. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Tony Torntore, Jay Larson, Grant Schipper, Teresa Butler, Scott Sauer, and Eric Roepke.

7 PM Public Hearing opened for Baseball field lighting.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT - There were no additional comments from the audience.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – **Council Member Grove moved and Council Member Jaeger seconded approving agenda, with changing Trophy Lakes to #1 on Items to be Discussed. The motion carried. 4/0.**

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - **Council Member Jaeger moved and Council Member Grove seconded approving May 3, 2022 minutes. The motion carried, all ayes. 4/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED -

1. Trophy Lakes – Tony Torntore provided information on the Trophy Lakes Development; controversy around Trophy Lakes, not here to cause problems, left abandoned by Grant with a property in foreclosure. Their attorney has some objections of Developers agreement and Covenants. Tony went through the history of Trophy Lakes. New lot owners have questions and would like answers. Tony explained the mess Grant (developer) left out there and they have cleaned everything up as they prefer their land to be clean, the land owners were also left with debt and it not their fault either that Grant up and left.

Request for consideration:

- Ability to park and use, campers, tents, trailers with no slab, moveable non-permanent enclosures in the summer months.
- Accessory structures prior to the principal building, amend the declaration.
- Plant trees and gardens, original 9 lot owners paid for trees, was in the plan and approved.

Tony went on explaining they have been respectful of residents and to the city. Mayor Van Lith noted the residents of New Germany were left with a bill as well. Council will discuss the points that were brought up, the Trophy Lake group will look forward to meeting again; circle back in a month or so.

2. Baseball Public Hearing Comments – Teresa Butler would like a higher fence on account of balls hitting the siding of her home, repairs are \$110.00, a vehicle at the Butler residence was hit too. Teresa and her guests were almost hit with balls, dangerous to be outside when a game is being played. Replaced siding many times from baseball damage, requesting a higher fence. Teresa Butler was not opposed to the lighting project, but again would like a higher fence in that area.

Ty Turnquist email – the concerns consisted of access to the field parking area is via a single lane alley, and a narrow width street, which only provides a single lane when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street. The stop signs at Park Street E and Washington Avenue N, people do not stop at the posted stop signs. Would like the city to address the parking before approving improvements that will increase the use of baseball field. Turnquist would also, like a time line when lights must be shut off to discourage post game gatherings; opposed to night post game activity at the baseball field, especially weeknights. Turnquist felt if these issues can be addressed and resolved, he was not opposed to the installation of the lighting at the baseball field.

Council would have a time limit on the lights at Baseball Park, possibility of 6 games a year, and regional games, when it is time to host. Council Member Grove stated there needs to be a cap on the lights, permit needed for extended hours. Van Lith noted the fence should be extended (height), high fence would be an issue when bringing the light poles in. Eric Roepke mentioned to get a hold of fence

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company and see what the options are for netting that area of the fence. Eric explained how he obtained the lights for the city; all the lights were for free from other cities, he is working on the poles at this time. Eric found some galvanized poles; he is negotiating trying to get those poles and a price from Xcel Energy. Main concerns of residents seem to be the traffic and people running the stop sign.

Mayor Van Lith closed the Public Hearing at 7:45 PM. **Council Member Grove moved and Council Member Jaeger seconded to move forward with Baseball lighting project. The motion carried. 4/0**

F. SHERIFFS REPORT – Monthly report was reviewed. Discussion Park Street E; discussion on contract hours, if an increase for future was needed.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Training last night, May 16, 2022. In June Steve Van Lith is retiring from the Fire Department, 41 years of service.

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the CTAS fund balance was \$1, 828,415.37, which includes the investment account. April bank reconciliation was reviewed. **Council Member Mielke moved and Council Member Grove seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 4/0**

I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS – **Council Member Grove moved and Council Member Jaeger seconded approving claims in the amount of \$19,563.00. The motion carried. 4/0**

J. WATER SEWER REPORT - No report.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE – Garage permit.

L. COMPLAINT LOG – dog feces in other resident's property; letter sent. Mud on Park Street E, reports of truck and trailer parked on streets for extended periods.

M. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - Called Carver County on County Road 30/32 on south side of ditch water is standing and not draining properly.

1. Toilet and sink in City Shed are in need of replacement. Giese Plumbing \$2400, Vesa Plumbing \$1883.95.

**Council Member Jaeger moved and Council Member Grove second approving Vesa Plumbing for \$1883.95. The motion carried. 4/0**

Brief discussion on Clean-up Day; successful, lots of mattresses.

N. PARKS REPORT – Girls will start June 8, no Hollywood schedule yet.

O. MAYORS REPORT – no report

P. CLERKS REPORT - nothing additional to report.

Q. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Table the purchase policy.

2. City logo – not back yet.

3. Hold on basement window, get upstairs window quote; some are rotten.

R. NEW BUSINESS - Discussion on Trophy Lakes and the uses of the lot; may need to do a workshop, check with city engineer.

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S. ADJOURNMENT – **Council Member Grove moved and Council Member Jaeger seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:23 PM. The motion carried. 4/0**

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