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A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on December 17, 2019 in the city council room of the New Germany City Hall. Mayor VanLith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., those present were: Mayor VanLith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Nick Hartwig and Thomas Mielke. Others present were: Fire Chief – Dan Ruschmeier, and City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: None present.

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the agenda. The motion carried. 5/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded approval of the, December 3, 2019 minutes. The motion carried. 5/0

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Nothing at this time.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Ruschmeier reported the SCBA are all in and in service. Fire Marshall will pick up all the old Fire Department gear and donate to another country, who is not required to follow the guidelines of replacement or outdated equipment.

Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded to donate the Fire Department outdated equipment to another country. The motion carried. 5/0

Chief Ruschmeier will coordinate pick up of equipment.

Chief Ruschmeier placed a bid on 8 pagers and 5 chargers from the City of Lino Lakes; their County bought them all new ones. They are the current pagers that we use which new cost \$550 each. Chief Ruschmeier noted they had 8 pagers left & 5 chargers. Chief Ruschmeier placed a bid of \$1,000 for all radio equipment. Lino Lakes meets on the 23rd of this month and will approve bid and Chief Ruschmeier would like this approved so it may come out of this year's Fire Department budget.

Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded approving the pager purchase from Lino Lakes for \$1,000.00 and may be paid out of 2019 FD budget. The motion carried. 5/0

G. TREASURERS REPORT:

1. Clerk explained the December settlement from the County.

2. The Treasury report noted that the checkbook balance was \$1,492,600.21. This includes the CD's total \$49,859.22. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the Treasurer's report. The motion carried. 5/0

3. Council reviewed the November 2019 bank reconciliation.

H. APPROVE CLAIMS: Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded approval of the claims in the amount of \$257,710.28, which includes the automatic withdrawal of the 2013A and 2013B bond payments in the amount of \$237,554.50. The motion carried. 5/0

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Nothing at this time.

J. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Annual insurance torte limits was discussed by Council. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded the insurance member DOES NOT WAIVE the monetary tort liability established by Minn.Stat. 466.04. The motion carried. 5/0

Data breach coverage is included in current policy in the amount of \$250,000, you may increase to \$500,000 for an additional \$500. Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded to leave the Data Breach at the included coverage amount of \$250,000. The motion carried. 5/0

2. Turnquist moved Mielke seconded approving Heimey's 2020 liquor and soft drink license. The motion carried. 5/0

Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving Down South 2020 liquor and soft drink license. The motion carried. 5/0

Mielke moved and Jaeger seconded approving T-Road 2020 liquor and soft drink license. The motion carried. 5/0

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3. Resolution 2019-26 is A Resolution Adopting Year 2020 General Fund Operating Budget for The City of New Germany; City Budget for 2020 is \$507,284. Mielke moved and Jaeger seconded approving Resolution 2019-26. The motion carried. 5/0

4. Resolution 2019-27 is adopting the 2020 levy, general fund levy is \$317,679 and the debt service fund levy is \$105,948, total levy \$423,627. Mielke moved and Jaeger seconded approving Resolution 2019-27, A Resolution Adopting Year 2020 Final Levy for The City of New Germany For Collection In 2020. The motion carried. 5/0

5. Resolution 2019-28 is adopting the 2020 meeting schedule. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded Resolution 2019-28 A Resolution Approving The 2020 Meeting Schedule. The motion carried. 5/0

6. Resolution 2019-29 is a resolution approving all of the year end capital fund transfers as marked in the 2019 Budget. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded Resolution 2019-29, A Resolution Transferring Funds. The motion carried. 5/0

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: None at this time.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: None at this time.

M. PW REPORT: Repairs have been completed on bobcat reported Van Lith.

1. Council reviewed the sample snow policy that was provided from the LMC; Clerk will adjust to fit New Germany and bring back to next meeting.

N. PARKS REPORT: Breakfast with Santa had a great turn out; collected \$475 for this event reported Jaeger.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Van Lith had nothing further to report.

P. CLERKS REPORT:

1. Clerk provided an updated 2019 hall income and 2020 reservations for the City Hall. Hall work session is January 14, 7 PM with Fire Department.

2. Xcel will be replacing existing poles starting from Washington going east on Park Street; map included.

3. Clerk reported she needs to use vacation hours by the end of year; can only carry over 16 hours into 2020; requesting December 24, and 26 off at this time. Council had discussion on paid Holidays. Mielke moved and Turnquist seconded approving the requested dates off. The motion carried. 5/0

Turnquist moved and Mielke seconded approving changing Columbus Day paid holiday to Christmas Eve Day as a paid holiday in 2020. The motion carried. 5/0

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. New floor scrubber can have a preventative maintenance agreement of 3 months, 6 months or annual inspection; cost is \$281 per time and any repairs are not included; this is inspection of machine only. Council declined this option.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council reviewed the FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); Council declined.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Hartwig moved and Mielke seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm. The motion carried. 5/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer