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A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on July 7, 2020 in the city hall basement of the New Germany City Hall, applying the 6 ft social distancing. Mayor VanLith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., those present were: Mayor VanLith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Thomas Mielke, absent was Jeremy Hafemann. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Kira Karels with Herald Journal.

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jaeger moved Turnquist second approval of the agenda. The motion carried. 4/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mielke moved and Jaeger second approval of the June 16, 2020 minutes, with a correction of November 1, 2020 in P. The motion carried. 4/0

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Sanitation RFP – Republic is not bidding; Randy's Sanitation is not bidding sanitation services. Sealed bid from Waste Management was opened. Council reviewed the information and requested that Waste Management attend the July 21 meeting for additional questions.

2. Carver County service agreement for joint assessments was reviewed, no increases same as last year. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving the Carver County Service Agreement for Joint Assessments. The motion carried. 4/0

F. SHERIFF'S REPORT: Mike Wollin with Carver County Sheriff Department supplied numbers for the option of increasing police coverage for the City of New Germany based on the 2018-2019 work load analysis. Currently city has a .12 coverage Monday – Friday which averages to about an hour per day for police coverage. The new rate of \$28,165.00 which would be an increase to .20, this would be an \$11,000 increase for the city. Council will host a workshop in the winter to discuss options for 2022. Contract is already done for 2021, \$17,509, Wollin also thought preliminary numbers indicate a decrease for 2021 of approximately \$134.00, which would bring 2021 contract rate to \$17,375.00.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Ruschmeier was present to provide a Fire Department report; no tournament as they cannot accommodate the social distancing, sanitizing and among other requirements for the tournament. Fire fighters voted on and it was a majority vote to cancel the 2020 Fire Department tournament as the feeling it was a liability risk; 2021 date is July 30, 31 and August 1. Chief Ruschmeier informed Council all of the traffic safety gear has been purchased with the McLeod grant and a photo showing all the equipment will be sent to the Herald Journal thanking McLeod. Dan DeRusha has passed the gambling manger class and is now the official gambling manager for the Relief Association, soon all pull tabs will be in the establishments, much revenue lost on account of the establishments being shut down, funds low and the revenue is needed.

Chief Ruschmeier also suggested checking with Lester Prairie police as on option.

H. TREASURERS REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the checkbook balance was \$682,089.81, includes the CD amount of \$50,720.13 (CD renewal on 7/6/2020 for \$24,429.55), Investment account balance is \$1,001,202.33. July settlement from property taxes and special assessments is included in treasure report. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approval of the Treasurer's report. The motion carried. 4/0

Council discussed the bank rates for CD renewal, Ehlers rates and options for placing the funds with them. It was decided to hold off on until more information could be gathered in regards to increasing the CD at the local bank and determining the rates and term. Council directed the Clerk to move the money to the General Fund for now.

Council reviewed the general fund, water fund, sewer fund second quarter report; expanded version is available.

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- I. APPROVE CLAIMS: Mielke moved and Jaeger second approval of the claims in the amount of \$60,457.10, included \$41,117.93 of bond payments. The motion carried. 4/0
- J. WATER SEWER REPORT: New software has been working well; errors have been resolved.
- K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Mini storage is almost complete; break ground in the next week or two.
- L. COMPLAINT LOG: 724 Black Forest Road water drainage issue in heavy precipitation; Steve Van Lith and Eric will be cleaning out culvert with FD auger, if this does not work then they will have Drain Pros camera and see where and what is the issue.

M. PW REPORT:

Chip Seal bids; Pearson \$28,575.34, Allied Asphalt \$29,018.26, Fahrner \$55,970.54. Crack Seal bids: Bergen \$16,556, MP Asphalt \$17,500, Fahrner \$24,382. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second awarding the chip seal bid to Pearson's and the crack seal bid to Bergen. The motion carried. 4/0
Council discussed the funds in the Street Capital project \$28,600, plus an additional \$20,000 in December for the Street capital fund \$45,6000.00 which will leave the account short for the 2023 street projects. Council then discussed not renewing the CD and transfer these funds into the Street Capital Fund. Mielke moved and Jaeger seconded to transfer the CD expiring in the amount of \$24,429.55 into the Street Capital Fund. The motion carried. 4/0

Van Lith gave report on lawnmower, 200 hours on and Bob's Repair will get VanLith the options on trade in program. Lawnmower is at Bob's receiving oil change, greased, and new tire will be put on, old one is leaking all the time.

Alley – Van Lith received a dust control quote for the alley from Northern Salting; 728 feet, 9 ft wide option, cost with the trucking fee of \$70 each way, chloride is \$1.35 per gallon, estimated to take 300 gallons, total cost would be approximately \$500-\$600 with trucking fees. Council discussed the option of grading prior to dust control; Van Lith will talk with Henning's and Jeff Casswell and plan accordingly. Turnquist moved Mielke second for Van Lith to coordinate the cutting of the alley and applying chloride. The motion carried. 4/0

VanLith noted the alley signs have been installed.

N. PARKS REPORT:

Jaeger reported the concession stand would like to open, will be selling only packaged items and 3.2 beer. Will be sanitizing, hand sanitizer will be available, spraying things down as needed, looking at putting a table in front of the order area to maintain social distancing. Turnquist moved and Mielke second approving the Commercial Club and City use of the concession stand only. The motion carried. 4/0
It was reported that the league using Lindstrom Park has not turned their forms in from the Tuesday night ball game; this is against the city's plan and they would no longer be able to use Lindstrom Park.

O. MAYORS REPORT: No report.

P. CLERKS REPORT: CRF (Cares) funds is \$34,280, have not received, I believe it comes through the County. Clerk mentioned things she had been researching to use some of the funds on. Mini Biffs for the parks on account of the Covid may be allowed, cost for mini biff rental is (2 handicap units) \$144.65 plus \$16 insurance per 28 days, per unit.

National Night Out – most cities are rescheduling for October 6, New Germany will remain cancelled for 2020, cannot accommodate the social distancing and it appears it is not going away anytime soon.

No Tour De Tonks, possible virtual event.

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Clarification on Laketown quote at the June 16 meeting, no motion was made. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving the lift station security light repair of \$620 by Laketown Electric. The motion carried. 4/0

Down South is closed, real estate transaction failed and it is going back to previous owner, Jilann Pæhlke. In the process of new liquor license with County and AGE, once back I would need city approval, hope it is back soon as possible to get the doors open, city approval would be preferred now to not hold up the liquor license. Jaeger moved and Mielke second approving Down South liquor license contingent on Carver County and MN Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Agency approval. The motion carried. 4/0

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Janitor for the New Germany Hall resigned as of July 31, 2020. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second accepting Gary Bonk's resignation as janitor of the New Germany Hall. The motion carried. 4/0
Newspaper ad is ready, job description updated, Mielke and Turnquist will do the interview process.

2. Stove is on back order until end of July.

3. Ordinances – Turnquist went through the ordinances that need amending; 50.01, 51.02, 91.02, 91.03, 92.03 these amendments need to be posted for two weeks, ordinances can then be adopted by the council. Attorney information has been received and everything is ready.

Zoning ordinance amendments – 154.011, 154.082, 154.092, these ordinances which is all zoning ordinances will require a public hearing, post in the newspaper prior (10 days to public hearing) public hearing shall be on August 4, 2020, 7 PM with council meeting and then they may be adopted if chosen and again, published in the Herald Journal as the final step. Attorney information was reviewed.

At 9:02 Pm the meeting was extended by motion from Jaeger and second by Turnquist. The motion carried. 4/0

Discussion continued on ordinances and minor changes were made and changes will be reflected in the attorney information.

R. NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Jaeger moved and Turnquist second to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 PM. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasure