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A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on June 16, 2020 in the city hall basement of the New Germany City Hall, using 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, and Thomas Mielke, absent was Jeremy Hafemann. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth, Eric Roepke with Parks. Audience members present were: Ron Wischnack with MN Baseball Association, Bryan & Megan Polzin, and Dave Pascoe.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: Ron Wischnack was present to discuss allowing exhibition games and the baseball park; Ron provided documentation on how they will enforce the covid requirements and forms that players and spectators will be required to fill out. No concession stands, discussion on bathrooms and sanitizing procedures. Discussion on ordering mini biffs as this would eliminate the cleaning portion of the bathrooms. Ron will turn all completed forms into the city for every game. After more discussion Council would like a city hold harmless form that all players and spectators would need to sign per game; Ron would be in charge of gathering these forms and monitoring the area to apply with covid guidelines, including social distancing. Ron noted he would mark the bleachers for seating but he cannot enforce the spectators set apart, that is their adult choice. Mayor Van Lith mentioned other cities who are allowing these exhibition games. Eric with Parks brought up another association that would like games; will discuss later in the agenda.

Bryan and Megan Polzin were present to discuss with Council the activities that happened on Park Street East this past Sunday; there was a 21 party at the 230 Park Street East address, vulgar language, vulgar signage, several burnouts, street possible damaged from the burn outs, concerns of the safety of children were a few of the issues. Megan stated that when she talks to the home owner she is respectful and courteous, but it is the people visiting doing the damage to the streets and the behavior seems to be encouraged by all who attend the residence. Bryan suggested the city have someone to assess the damage that has been done to the streets and they should pay for any damages, it is a nice neighborhood and the streets are being destroyed and the residents are all paying for the damage caused by their burn outs. Council will look into any ordinances pertaining to vulgar language, the sheriff has been notified by the city and has assured the city they are patrolling the area more or as they are available. Polzin's were asked to submit any video and or pictures they had for future use.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded approval of the agenda, with the addition of adding MN Baseball Association, Eric Roepke with additional Park information and Bryan and Megan Polzin for Park street discussion to the agenda. The motion carried. 4/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the June 2, 2020, Council minutes. The motion carried. 4/0

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Resolution 2020-15 Primary Election judges. Mielke moved and Turnquist seconded approval of Resolution 2020-15, A Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the Primary Election. The motion carried. 4/0
2. Discussion continued on the MN Baseball Association and exhibition games. Insurance comments consisted of; is the form going to be followed through, how is sanitizing going to be documented, city has to have procedures for sanitizing and everything needs to be well documented, if there ever was an incident the legal fees would be costly, error on the side of caution. Turnquist noted that the city should have an indemnification clause, all players and spectators would need to sign or they would be turned away from entering. Signage to be at the parks stating this information, city attorney shall make up the forms. Council discussed keeping the bathrooms closed, order mini biffs (1) each for the parks, Ron will also have social distancing signs and mark bleachers for social distancing. Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded approval of the city attorney to draft a hold harmless waiver and anyone entering the park would need to sign or would need to vacate the park for the games, this would be for every ball game and Ron Wischnack will oversee and turn all forms to the city. The motion carried. 4/0
3. Mayor Van Lith assured the Polzin's the street will be checked out by a professional in that field. The Polzin's were encouraged to send any photos or video they had of the incidents. Maegan commented there are 15 children under the age of 10 on this street, their children cannot play in the front yard on account of the exhibition driving, vulgar language. Megan also noted an incident in the middle of the night that consisted of a loud PA system within a truck driving through with vulgar language. Megan stated again, she has spoken with the home owner and she is civil and respectful, most of the time it the people visiting the residence, friends encouraging friends. Possible more police coverage or what can be done.

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F. SHERIFF'S REPORT: Monthly report was available for review. Clerk is discussing coverage options and rates with the Sheriff Department and will report back.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: no report.

H. TREASURERS REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the general fund balance was \$545,780.51, which includes the CD's balance total \$50,720.13, the investment account is an additional \$1,005,638.30. Mielke moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the Treasurer's report. The motion carried. 4/0

I. APPROVE CLAIMS: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the claims in the amount of \$9,193.33. The motion carried.

J. WATER SEWER REPORT: Few glitches with the new utility billing software and the handheld still working on; charged everyone a 64 gallon and no waste tax, this has been fixed. Van Lith explained the pontoon was donated by David Henning and MN Inboard delivered to the city shed for repairs; Van Lith will get it ready for the wastewater ponds. The pontoon is needed to spread the alum at the wastewater ponds to meet the state required phosphorus limits.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: no update.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Another email was received on the activities this past Sunday on Park Street E; loud roaring diesel engines, black smoke, burn outs, doughnuts at the intersection of 33 and Park Street E, speeding on County Road 33 were some of the concerns, an embarrassment to the city. Council stressed they need to keep calling these events in as they are happening, the city is not the police, document all events, photos and send to Sheriff dept. Council will invite Sheriff Kamerud to a July meeting to discuss police coverage options.

M. PW REPORT:

1. Mayor Van Lith explained he gave the wrong information on the seal quote bid; gave the footage. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded rescinding the chip seal bid motion at the June 2, 2020 council meeting. The motion carried. 4/0  
Council will table until all quotes have been turned in. Discussion of a manhole on Park St E.
2. Alley update – Henning's looked at alley would take 5-6 loads of ¾ minus, thousands of dollars and it would not make much improvement. Dennis Henning recommends keep working on grading the alley and see what becomes of the condition of the alley. There was discussion on if a different product was put on the alley by someone else; it appears there has been some added product, from the bank to Washington, discussion on applying chloride to the alley. Van Lith reported the issues he was having with placing the signs in the alley; Van Lith will use his discretion. Most businesses trucks do not use the alley for deliveries and or garbage; T-Road the garbage truck back in, Down South they access off of County Road 30, Heimey's is also accessed from County Road 30.
3. Compost bin has been receiving allot of garbage and household items in, possible put up cameras or if it continues the service may need to be terminated.

N. PARKS REPORT: Baseball Park concession stand key was taken from the ball park, they locked the stand and came back to all the lights being on and the stand open; locks are now changed.

Eric Roepke explained a pipe is leaking inside the bathrooms, will try to repair. The leak is a result of the water not being turned off properly.

Eric also explained the riser pipe has been struck and they cannot turn the water off and on; Henning's will repair.

Softball dug outs completed and done a little dirt work left, Hollywood will be borrowing the bleachers this weekend.

Chopper would like to host softball games at Lindstrom on Thursday and Sunday, no concession stands. Mayor Van Lith stated they would need to follow the same protocol as the MN Baseball Association and covid guidelines, along with signing the forms from the city attorney for every game, the forms will be turned into the city. Eric will check with Chopper if they can accommodate the same requirements as the MN Baseball Association and they would be responsible for Eric's fees as well. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded to open the softball fields with the same requirements of the MN baseball Association

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and covid guidelines, if they cannot accommodate these guide lines there shall be no exhibition games at Lindstrom field. The motion carried. 4/0

Discussion on garbage at Parks; will use barrels for this season.

Lift station light is broke and the lens is broke; Eric provided an LED light replacement quote of \$620.

Eric explained that he would like a Chalker for both fields, he has been dragging it back and forth; on sale for \$324 plus shipping of \$64, only on sale this week original price was \$405. Turnquist moved and Mielke seconded approval of the Chalker purchase. The motion carried. 4/0 Commercial Club will pay ½ noted Jaeger.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Van Lith was approached on a Park Shelter rental; asked the interested party to attend a council meeting as they would need to comply with the current covid guidelines pertaining to food, interested party decided not to attend Council meeting. Council had a discussion if this would be allowed at the Parks; hold off for now until the next set of guidelines and or changes are released from the governor's office. There was also a request for chair rental; with all the sanitizing needed, no rentals.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Carver County sent an email stating the Trophy Lake non lake lots are entering the tax forfeiture, Jim Morrissey would pay the delinquent taxes if the special assessments were dropped, the County informed Jim to contact the City.  
Discussion on National Night Out – send an email to other cities and see if they are moving forward with. Representative Jim Nash has informed New Germany that four legislative caucuses have reached agreement on a bipartisan bill to distribute \$841 million in funding to local governments under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The local funding component is known as the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF). Please bear in mind these numbers are preliminary and subject to change, however the current estimate is that New Germany is expected to receive \$34,280 in CRF funding. Funds must be distributed by June 30, 2020, and any unused funds at the end of the year are returned to the federal government. There is a list of eligible and ineligible expenses.  
Republic will not be bidding on sanitation services for the city as they no longer have any accounts in the west metro area.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Stove for City Hall – went through quotes; smooth top stove/oven, Home Depot \$448.00 smooth top stove option or \$564 for a larger smooth top stove option, delivery is to be free, Home Solutions (not a smooth top) \$799.99 for a coiled burner stove, plus a delivery fee of \$50. The commercial stove was sold for \$250 and the floor scrubber was \$200, total of \$450 in funds. Van Lith moved and Mielke seconded approval of the Home Depot stove purchase of \$448. The motion carried. 4/0
2. Council reviewed the attorney answers to their questions on the covid forms and covid employee forms. Turnquist noted that the city should only approve things we are going to use, Turnquist also noted if it could be something simple with in the City Preparedness Plan. Council decided not to adopt the documents.
3. PC Meeting is June 23 to go over ordinance amendments and to include the amendments with the codification update.

R. NEW BUSINESS: no additional new business.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 pm. The motion carried. 4/0

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