

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – JUNE 2, 2020

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held June 2, 2020 in the City Hall basement of the New Germany City Hall, applying the 6 ft social distance requirement. Mayor Van Lith called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., those present were: Mayor Van Lith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Thomas Mielke and Jeremy Hafemann. Others present were: Fire Chief Dan Ruschmeier, City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members were: Mark Mitton with Herald Journal.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT- None.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded approval of May 19, 2020 Council minutes. The motion carried. 5/0

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Council reviewed the Met Council 2019 Annual Population Estimate; 465 people and 182 households. Mielke moved and Jaeger seconded approving the 2019 Metropolitan Council Annual Population Estimate for the City of New Germany. The motion carried. 5/0

2. Council reviewed the COVID employee and visitor documents sent by the City Attorney. After discussion it was decided to table these documents until a list of questions were answered. Council did review and decided to move forward with COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for the City of New Germany. Turnquist moved and Hafemann seconded approving the City of New Germany Covid Preparedness Plan. The motion carried. 5/0

F. SHERIFFS REPORT: No report.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Ruschmeier was present and informed Council Dan Perrel has resigned effective June 1, 2020 from the Fire Department. Dan Perrel was also a Captain and John Lenarz is the recommendation for Dan's replacement. Dan was also the gambling manager and Dan DeRusha has now accepted this position. it is the Fire Department recommendation to accept the resignation of Dan Perrel and appoint John Lenarz as Captain. Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded accepting the resignation of fire fighter Dan Perrel and appointing John Lenarz as Captain as the recommendation of the New Germany Fire Department. The motion carried. 5/0

A new sign has been placed on the New Germany Fire Department building; donated by unknown at this time. Tri K Sports of Maple Plain has also donated a winch for the FD utility vehicle.

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General Fund balance was \$517,295.09, which includes the (2) CD's in the amount of \$50,720.13, Investment account balance is an additional \$1,001,202.33. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the Treasure report. The motion carried. 5/0

I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the claims in the amount of \$16,985.53. The motion carried. 5/0

J. WATER SEWER REPORT: Council reviewed the quarterly results for radiochemical monitoring from the MN Department of Health; results were all within the MDH parameters.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: mini storage will be submitted on 6/3/2020.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: none as of this time.

M. PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Alley has been bladed and leveled; Henning's will be hauling rock. Signs have been ordered for the Alley.

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2. Van Lith presented the chip seal coat for Park Street E 3,062.78 sq. yards, Hilda 3,060 sq. yards, Black Forest Road 4,408.61 sq. yards, 62<sup>nd</sup> Street 11,977.78 sq. yards. Crack repair also needs to be completed. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the bid. The motion carried. 5/0  
Note – while typing the minutes I found in error in the presentation of the bid and this will need to be reviewed at the next meeting; possible that the motion will need to be rescinded.

N. PARKS REPORT: no report.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing further to report.

P. CITY CLERK REPORT: The first utility billing with the new software and handheld had many issues; handheld battery malfunctioned and needed to be replaced, remoted into the old computer and used old handheld and had to transfer uploads/readings to the new computer and new software. The result was some accounts under charged and some were overcharged as the waste tax was not charged and garbage container size were all 64-gallon containers. Sorted through the bills and it is now corrected. The new program had a few glitches but overall, it will be a benefit to the city as the cards cut the time down by 3 hours, no envelopes and savings on paper statements to the card stock, postage savings is .20 per card.

Outdoor box for newsletter was \$38.2, Dan DeRusha and Eric Roepke put the box on the building today. Working on lock change on front door.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council started reviewing the updated RFP for Sanitation Services; Turnquist brought up an apartment complex has Randy's Sanitation; Clerk will call and try and figure out. Council went through the changes in the RFP, Clerk will update and mail out to sanitation services. Mielke moved and Jaeger seconded the RFP for Sanitation Services for the City of New Germany. The motion carried. 5/0

R. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance changes – check with American Publishing if we can hold off until July for all updates.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Mielke seconded adjourned the meeting at 8:29 PM. The motion carried. 5/0

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