

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – MAY 19, 2020

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held May 19, 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: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members were: none.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT- None.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded approval of agenda with the addition of Resolution 2020-14. The motion carried. 5/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Mielke moved and Jaeger seconded approval of May 05, 2020 Council minutes. The motion carried. 5/0

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Oath of Office was given to new Council Member; Jeremy Hafemann.

2. Resolution 2020-14 which is a resolution approving the final 2040 Comp Plan. Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded approving Resolution 2020-14 A Resolution Adopting the 2040 City of New Germany Comprehensive Plan Update, and the Comprehensive Sewer Plan, A Compilation of Policy Statements, Goals, Standards, and Maps for Guiding the Overall Development and redevelopment of the Local Governmental Unit. The motion carried. 5/0

F. SHERIFFS REPORT: No report.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: No report.

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General Fund balance was \$512,683.59, which includes the (2) CD's in the amount of \$50,720.13, Investment account balance is \$1,001,202.33. Jaeger moved and Hafemann seconded approving the Treasure report. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0
Council reviewed the April bank reconciliation.

I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the claims in the amount of \$12,821.62. The motion carried, unanimously. 5/0

J. WATER SEWER REPORT: People Service provided a quarterly report for water and wastewater. Turnquist has questions on water pumped verses wastewater flows through lift station, still high flows with 1.9 precipitation in March. Clerk will have Lee Ortloff contact Turnquist for any additional questions and answers.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Roof top solar is building permit is complete, working on Mini Storage.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: None at this time.

M. PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Steve Van Lith provided an alley update; Henning's will blade and fill with ¾ minus, Van Lith will also contact Camden to see if we can piggy back with their dust control application date (providing the alley is ready). Henning will blade when the water is out of the puddles as it would not work with as wet as it is at this time. Council continued discussion on posting speed limit signs, weight limit signs, and possible dead end by Gazebo Park. Council decided they would post a 3-ton weight limit along with a 10 MPH speed limit, this alley will signify as a test alley for the postings, prior to posting the other alleys. Clerk will order 2 signs for the problem alley, with weight restriction and 10 MPH, let bars on this alley know the weight limit for beer deliveries.

2. Van Lith reported mattresses were dropped by the city shed and a TV and grill were found in the compost bin.

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N. PARKS REPORT: Jaeger will hold off on the food license as there is no activities at the park; will let state know this for 2020. In the event things open up again Jaeger will apply online. Van Lith reported Eric Roepke (parks) did receive the lights for the ball field.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Van Lith read an email from Mike Bullis who represents district 110 school district; asking New Germany Council to recognize May 28, 2020 as District #110 Appreciation Day. Jaeger moved and Hafemann seconded approving May 28, 2020 as District #110 appreciation day. The motion carried. 5/0

P. CITY CLERK REPORT: Sold the stove for \$250, floor scrubber for \$200; Auditor suggests the money be deposited and write a check for the new appliance.

Working on pandemic policy for the city. Received acknowledgements for the FD from the city attorney in regards to the new covid 19 guidelines, they will need to sign and a copy will be put in their personnel file.

Planning Commission meeting – May 26, 6 PM, I will send out an agenda tomorrow; possible T-Road attending and Clay Montgomery had questions on solar on his property south of the city; Council stands firm with the ordinance of not allowing wholesale solar in city limits, Clay can attend a Council meeting if he has additional questions. PC does have ordinance updates they need to work on; put on the agenda. Working on the first water billing with new software and handheld. Newsletter we will need to figure out an alternative option, online and maybe something on the front of the hall for them to pick up a copy if they prefer.

Clerk has requested Thursday May 21 and Tuesday May 26 vacation dates. Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded approving requested vacation dates. The motion carried. 5/0

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council had a discussion on the updated hall rental contract; discussion on discount for city employees, will table until end of the year. Discussion continued on what is considered a community event; always has been the 2020 meeting schedule and the events that were on this list; Commercial Club events (Easter, Halloween and other), FD events, Turkey Bingo, Council meetings, National Night Out, Spring Clean Up, Planning Commission meetings, Turnquist thought the community events should be defined and have guidelines. Mielke moved and Jaeger seconded approving the updated hall rental contract as presented. The motion carried. 5/0.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council reviewed the 2013 Request for Proposal for Sanitation services and a new RFP for Sanitation services; after reviewing it was decided to use the new RFP for Sanitation services. Council went through RFP and made a few changes; bring back on June 2 for final approval.

2. Mielke thought we should put sewer jetting on upcoming agenda; Waconia is not providing any contracted jetting services other than their own in Waconia as of this time, revisit at Budget time.

3. Jaeger mentioned the city should look at prorating the liquor license for the down time; revisit at budget time. National Night Out – wait and see how things move forward.

4. New back door was installed, new key for back door. Do we want to change the front door lock as well and start fresh with key assignments; Council agrees, it is time to start fresh. The window in the clerk office was planned for plexi glass; received a price from Dan Perrel for Plexi glass 4" x 9" hole on bottom, installed for \$125; Council suggested leaving bigger space on bottom for documents can go through. Turnquist moved and Mielke seconded approving the plexi glass option and installation on the window in the office. The motion carried. 5/0

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM. The motion carried. 5/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer