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A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on July 21, 2020 in the City Hall basement of the New Germany City Hall, using the 6 ft social distancing requirement. Mayor VanLith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., those present were: Mayor VanLith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Thomas Mielke, and Jeremy Hafemann. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Jason Hartman with Waste Management.

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

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approval of the July 7, 2020 minutes. The motion carried. 5/0

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Sanitation RFP – Jason with Waste Management was present to review the RFP for sanitation services that was submitted. Jason explained that their services would be every Thursday for garbage and every other Thursday for recycling. Jason explained the difference in household clean up, curbside pickup they are allowed 3 yards of household items, no electronics, this is a monthly service fee and only once a year on a designated day. The drop service is very similar to spring clean up the city provides; WM would provide 2 trucks and 2 employees. Discussion on Waste Management doing the billing; an additional .20 per customer, per month if they do the billing, bulk pickups the resident would be able to call WM and schedule, items would be prepaid and the city would not be involved. Jason noted with delinquent accounts they would like to be able to stop services if they are doing the billing, 30-day billing cycles. Council had some questions on contract verbiage; attorneys can work out and Council would review before the final contract is accepted. Discussion on cross contamination of recycling; if a resident would be consistently cross contaminating garbage with recycling, they would be charged additional fees if a repeat offender. Jaeger requested a flyer if the city decides to use WM of what is allowed in the recycle bins; recyclable material. Recycling containers are all the same rate and same size; 96-gallon, customer can request a second recycling container for free (daycare, etc.), customer can request a smaller container but there is no price reduction for smaller recycling container, recycling is a flat fee regardless of size. Holidays would be a day late if prior to the Thursday pick up. Texting notices were thought to be an option. Jason would check if there would be the option of a fall cleanup, but was doubtful.

Turnquist moved and Mielke seconded the city would approve the drop site cleanup option. The motion carried. 5/0

Jaeger moved and Hafemann second approving Waste Management as the City of New Germany's sanitation hauler starting in October of 2020. The motion carried. 5/0

Jason would like a list of customers and current sizes of their garbage containers. New carts will be delivered after the last recycling date in September. Council would like the bulk items identified in contract, prepay for bulk items and resident can contact WM directly for this service.

F. SHERIFF'S REPORT: No report.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: No report.

H. TREASURERS REPORT: Clerk explained the General Fund in CTAS verses bank reconciliation. It was the recommendation by Ehlers to wait until the FMP to decide where to put the money from the CD that was not renewed; it could be used in other areas that may benefit more. The Treasury report noted that the checkbook balance was \$750,976.63, investment account balance is \$1,004,717.05. Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approval of the Treasurer's report. The motion carried. 5/0
June bank reconciliation was reviewed.

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I. APPROVE CLAIMS: Hafemann moved and Mielke second approval of the claims in the amount of \$30,538.92. The motion carried. 5/0

J. WATER SEWER REPORT: Lift station flow is approximately 37,000, no rain. Van Lith is preparing pontoon in the event we need to use alum in waste water ponds.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Report of an porch addition on Camden Avenue S– no permit.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: No complaints.

M. PW REPORT: Van Lith and Fire Fighters worked on the drain tile in Black Forest; they were unable to get all the way through, flow is better but still issues. Henning's will check out or possible have Drain Pros camera to see where the issue is.

Alley has been bladed by Henning's; dust control applied.

Bergen has done the crack repair on the scheduled streets, manhole repaired on Park Street E.

Tree that was replanted in the east boulevard appears to be dying, Van Lith has been watering but not looking good for the tree.

N. PARKS REPORT: Jaeger reported ball games going well, not selling much concessions. Mini Biff is full and they have not been serviced; Mini Biff was notified on 7/20/2020 to service both mini biffs.

O. MAYORS REPORT: No report.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Pearson will be here on August 10 for chip sealing; Black Forest Road, Park Street E starting at Jefferson going east, Hilda, 62nd Street.

Election training will be online, June 28 is public accuracy testing of the equipment at Carver County, June 29 is modem testing 6 PM at the hall.

2020 LGA first payment is included in the Treasure report; \$13,712.50 received of the \$27,425.00. 2021 estimated LGA is \$30,219.00.

Alex Kurtz of the New Germany FD has requested use of a few tables and chairs, Alex will sanitize prior to returning. Hafemann moved and Mielke second approving the use of tables and chairs. The motion carried. 5/0

Working on creating a COVID fund in CTAS for tracking of funds. Ehlers will have additional information available on how the CRF funds may be used.

Q. OLD BUSINESS: none at this time.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget Work session will be August 26, 7 PM. Van Lith and Ruschmeier, Clerk will prepare everything email out to Council prior to meeting.

Jeremy Hafemann will be relocating and will not be in the City of New Germany; this will leave an open Planning Commission seat and Council seat in the future; Mayor and all Council positions will be on the November ballot.

Turnquist mentioned the new back door is missing the bottom weather stripping and you can see daylight; contact First Street Construction.

Water leak (urinal) in the downstairs men's bathroom; water went through the floor into the basement. Plumber is repairing urinal. Turnquist mentioned he will look into a water alarm.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Turnquist moved and Mielke second to adjourn the meeting at 8:31PM. The motion carried. 5/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasure