

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held September 15, 2020 in the City Office of the New Germany City Hall, using the recommended Covid guidelines. Mayor Van Lith called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., those present were: Mayor Van Lith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, and Thomas Mielke. Absent: Ty Turnquist, Jeremy Hafemann. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members were: Officer Jacobson.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT- Officer Jacobson stopped to update Council; pulled some ATV over, working on the semi parking in Black Forest. There is a legal hemp grower in the city, when the wind is right you may smell an odor.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jaeger moved and Mielke second approval of agenda, with the correction of the Resolution; 2020-16 and 2020-17. The motion carried. 3/0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Jaeger moved and Mielke second approval of September 1, 2020 Council minutes. The motion carried. 3/0

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Resolution 2020-16 – Recognizing National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day (IRIS), October 15, 2020. Jaeger moved and Mielke second approving Resolution 2020-16. The motion carried. 3/0

2. Resolution 2020-17 A Resolution Adopting Year 2021 Preliminary Levy for the City of New Germany for Collection in 2021. Council reviewed the information with the preliminary levy numbers from Ehlers; General fund levy \$314,001, Debt Service Fund levy \$105,152, total of \$446,153. This would be increase of \$20,526 or a 5.3% increase from 2020, the majority of the increase is offset by the estimated increase in Fiscal Disparities; 2020 was \$96,446 and 2021 is projected at \$111,056, an increase of \$14,610. To keep off the Fiscal Disparities roller coaster, Ehlers recommendation is to increase capital funds in preparation for the wastewater updates in the future; preliminary levy is to be the highest, final levy can only decrease, not increase.

Mielke moved and Jaeger second approving Resolution 2020-17 A Resolution Adopting Year 2021 Preliminary Levy \$446,153 for The City of New Germany For Collection in 2021. The motion carried. 3/0

3. Liquor License – Down South; Council discussed the liquor license and background check report for new applicants at Down South. After discussion it was determined allowing the liquor license would be in violation of city ordinance 111.46, MN state statues 340A.402, Subd.1, and MN Rule 7515.0410. The establishment cannot have pull tabs until an approved liquor license.

Van Lith moved and Jaeger second denying the application for liquor license of Down South (new applicants). The motion carried. 3/0

F. SHERIFFS REPORT: Monthly report was available for review. Officer Jacobson's report is above in B.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: The washer extractor purchase that was approved for tun out gear is a non-budgeted item as discussed at the previous Council meeting. The washer is needed for cleansing of turn out gear on account of potential COVID contamination; CARES funds could be used for the purchase of washer. The cost is \$5650 with shipping, grant was received for \$2500, remaining amount is \$3150. Mielke moved and Jaeger second approving Cares funds for the washer extractor purchase. The motion carried. 3/0

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General Fund balance was \$802,336.21, which includes the CD in the amount of \$26,290.58, Investment account balance is an additional \$1,011,367.12. Mielke moved and Jaeger second approving the Treasure report. The motion carried. 3/0  
August bank reconciliation was reviewed.

I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Jaeger moved and Mielke second approving the claims in the amount of \$11,970.38. The motion carried. 3/0

J. WATER SEWER REPORT: Generator was serviced and repaired.

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K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: reroof at 430 Broadway Street East, MN Inboard submitted for overhead door repairs.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: none as of this time.

M. PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Carver County Fair has 2 weather sirens for purchase; approximately 10 years old, would sell for around \$300. Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded to purchase the weather sirens from Carver County Fair. The motion carried. 3/0

N. PARKS REPORT: Discussion Halloween Party for the children and if it could take place; Commercial Club will continue discussion.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Clean-up day on September 26, 8-11 am, New Germany only, no Camden. Garbage items only, small furniture, mattress, box springs, no electronics, appliances, metal or tires.

P. CITY CLERK REPORT:

1. Staying with Frontier phone services, Metro Net charges for the data phone of \$35 per month per facility, at this time will stay with Frontier.

2. Budget work session with Ehlers for the final budget and utility rate study; October 27, 7 PM, will verify with Ehlers.

3. Carver County has notified the City the 11 Non lake lots of Trophy Lakes are in foreclosure; County will keep the City updated as the process moves forward.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Hall – no applications as of this meeting.

2. Cares funds – three business's applied, after review two of them were in the Township and would not qualify for the City of New Germany grant funds.

Turnquist not present for faucet quotes.

3. Council reviewed the Sanitation agreement with Waste Management; Council went through all the comments from the attorney and WM. Compost bin will stay at the \$500 rate per time. Mielke moved and Jaeger second approving the Sanitation contract with Waste Management commencing on October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2025 and thereafter shall automatically renew for successive terms of one-year each, unless one party gives the other party 90 day written notice. The motion carried. 3/0  
First recycle date is October 8.

R. NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Jaeger moved and Mielke second adjourning the meeting at 8:32 PM. The motion carried. 3/0

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