

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – NOVEMBER 4, 2020

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on November 4, 2020 in the city council room of the New Germany City Hall. Mayor Van Lith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. using Covid guidelines, those present were: Mayor Van Lith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Thomas Mielke. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Eric Roepke.

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approval of Agenda with addition of Foster & Mechanical quote under Cares. The motion carried. 4/0.**

D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approval of the October 20, 2020 minutes. The motion carried. 4/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Eric Roepke was present to discuss the lights for the ball park; working on a plan of the lights, not completely accurate as of this time. Mayor Van Lith and Council reviewed a layout of the electrical, hydrants, water valves, storm drain and other possible obstacles at the ball park. Discussed the process for the lights. Wood poles \$29,000, is the quote Eric received. Eric is in the process of the lightning specifications, will report when he has everything together. Eric is working on getting some steel poles from a project (Millerbernd) and they would possibly be free; City would need to pay for the hauling of the 80-foot poles. Material around \$6-7,000 fluctuates with copper prices, no labor figured, volunteer work, Eric will use the equipment from work with no additional expense.

Turnquist requested to add the hand dryer option for Parks as the electrician Eric Roepke was present to discuss. Turnquist went over the options of the dryers, discussed if they should be added as additional touchless hand dryers or replacing the existing 2. Discussion on touchless faucets; many do not recommend; hard wire ones are expensive to install.

2. Resolution 2020-22 Mielke moved and Jaeger second approving Resolution 2020-22. The motion carried. 4/0

F. SHERIFFS REPORT: Discussed the Carver County amendment to professional service agreement. **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approving Resolution 2020-23. The motion carried. 4/0**

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Explained the New Germany, Camden and Hollywood Township option on the Cares money donation towards dual band pagers.

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$803,562.50, which includes the CD's balance of \$26,290.58, Investment account \$1,013,794.23. **Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 4/0**

Cares – Turnquist moved and Mielke second to order two touchless hand dryers for approximately \$500 per dryer. The motion carried 4/0

Foster Mechanical supplied a quote for Bipolar Ionization unit for the office \$1,490.00 per furnace. Seth from Foster Mechanical was on conference call and explained the system they would place in the office furnace. **Mielke moved and Jaeger second approving both office furnaces for the Ionization units. The motion carried. 4/0**

Mielke moved and Jaeger second approving dual band pagers with the Cares funds. The motion carried. 4/0

Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving any additional PPE supplies with Cares funds. The motion carried. 4/0

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I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approving claims in the amount of \$32,785.00. The motion carried. 4/0**

J. WATER SEWER REPORT:

1. Utility plan is still being reviewed by Ehlers.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 621 Broadway Street E, another permit toady for 1 egress window.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: none at this time.

M. PW REPORT: Nothing further to report.

N. PARKS REPORT: Discussion on Santa Claus activities; Commercial Club will need to meet.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing further to report.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Legion is having small meeting in basement once a month. Hosting a Vets meeting this Friday, November 5th, 20 people, using Covid guidelines. Council will discuss hall rentals at the next meeting . Record voter turnout for Camden and New Germany; total voters were 702. Canvass meeting will be on the November 10, 4:30 PM.

Note – this meeting had to be changed to November 13th, 10AM through conference call.

Q. OLD BUSINESS: these items were addressed in the Cares report.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Canvass was discussed and scheduled above.

S. ADJOURNMENT: **Jaeger moved and Mielke second to adjourn meeting at 8:46 PM. The motion carried. 4/0**

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk