

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – JANUARY 5, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on January 5, 2021 in the city hall basement of the New Germany City Hall using the recommended Covid guidelines. Mayor Van Lith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., those present were: Mayor Van Lith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Thomas Mielke, and Kevin Grove. Others present were: Fire Chief - Dan Ruschmeier, City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Justin Black with SEH

Oath of Office was given to: Mayor Steven Van Lith (2-year term), Council Members: Jaeger (4-year term), Turnquist (4-year term), Mielke (2-year term), Kevin Grove (2-year term).

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approval of Agenda with addition of Resolution 2020-05. The motion carried. 5/0**

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the December 15 minutes with the correction of the meeting was held in the city hall basement. The motion carried. 5/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Justin Black was present to update the Engineering agreement; \$6,000 is the budget, when nearing the \$6,000 the city is notified. SEH would supply a quote for any additional projects for the City to review. **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approving the \$6,000 agreement with SEH. The motion carried. 5/0**

Justin provided a Wastewater update – late last spring meeting with Met Council here at the hall, discussed plans with Met Council, Met Council has no intentions in bringing pipe to New Germany. Met Council discussed the wastewater ponds, regionalization with Mayer, Mayer wanted \$14,000 to do a study; Met Council provided the grant to cover the expenses for this study. Bolton and Menk is working on a detailed analysis of regionalization with Mayer; Bolton and Menk will have draft report by the end of the week. SEH will also be doing their own analysis of the project; Met Council agreed to pay for this analysis as well. Justin explained the process or a time line; step 1- project build plans, 2 – MPCA approves build plans, 3- secure funding, 4 – award bids, 5 - project starts, this could all be 2-3 years before construction would start (best guess).

2. Resolution 2021-01 A Resolution Which Sets the Fee Schedule for the Year 2021 for the City of New Germany. **Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approving Resolution 2021-01. The motion carried. 5/0**

3. Resolution 2021-02 A Resolution Approving the Organization Summary for the City of New Germany. **Mielke moved and Grove second approving Resolution 2021-02. The motion carried. 5/0**

4. Resolution 2021-03 A Resolution of Transfer funds; Water fund \$35,000, Fire Department Truck and Building Capital Fund \$97,905 (City paying interfund loan off). **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approving Resolution 2021-03. The motion carried. 5/0.**

5. Resolution 2021-04 A Resolution Approving the LG555 Government Approval or Acknowledgement for use of Gambling Funds; in the amount of \$12,500 into the FD Truck and Building Capital Fund. **Mielke moved and Jaeger second approving Resolution 2021 – 04. The motion carried. 5/0**

6. Resolution 2021- 05 A Resolution Transferring Funds; Fire Department 2020 Budget Surplus into the Fire Dept Capital Fund \$38,278.95. **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approving Resolution 2021-05. The motion carried. 5/0.**

F. SHERIFFS REPORT: Officer Jacobson temporarily relocated.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Ruschmeier would like to order turn out gear for the new guys (3) sets, plus Danny Mielke, quote for \$13,512.00. **Mielke moved and Grove second approving the Turn Out Gear purchase as quoted \$13,512.00. The motion carried. 5/0**

2020 – 56 calls for the year. House fire a few weeks ago, and most recent was a barn fire by Mayer.

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G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$648,721.49, which includes the CD's balance of \$26,290.58. Investment account \$1,013,138.72. **Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 5/0**

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving claims in the amount of \$623,354.33 (Bonds \$437,204., Internal Transfers \$171,183.15, Bills \$14,967.18). The motion carried. 5/0**

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Justin provided Wastewater update in E1.

J. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: None

L. COMPLAINT LOG: None

M. PW REPORT: Xmas lights will be taken down this Saturday at 1 PM. Turnquist noted Jeff Caswell called and reported there is willow growing in the ditches on Hilda and possible 62nd Street; Public Works will inspect.

N. PARKS REPORT: None

O. MAYORS REPORT: None

P. CLERKS REPORT: Went through the payments received; Comp Plan grant \$16,000, LGA \$13,712, MV AG credit \$281.46. Reimbursed for \$933.18, \$2500 for Mayer Brush, requested 2021 Solid Waste grant of \$4039. Furnace ionizer is completed. Went through the preliminary year end numbers; will give full report when finalized.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

R. NEW BUSINESS:

S. ADJOURNMENT: **Mielke moved and Grove second to adjourn meeting at 8:05 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk