

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – DECEMBER 15, 2020

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on December 15, 2020 in the city hall basement of the New Germany City Hall. 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. Others present were: Fire Chief - Dan Ruschmeier, City Clerk – Twyla Menth.

Audience members present were: none

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: There were none in attendance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approval of Agenda. The motion carried. 4/0.**

D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the December 01, 2020 minutes. The motion carried. 4/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Resolution 2020-25 A Resolution Adopting Year 2021 General Fund Operating Budget for the City of New Germany. **Turnquist moved and Mielke second approving Resolution 2020-26. The motion carried. 4/0**
2. Resolution 2020-26 – A Resolution Adopting Year 2021 Final Levy for the City of New Germany for Collection in 2021. General fund levy \$341,001, Go bond 2013 C & 2020 A Series (Debt Service) \$105,152, Total Levy oof \$446,153.00. **Mielke moved and Jaeger second approving Resolution 2020-26 Final Levy 2021 in the amount of \$446,153.00. The motion carried. 4/0**
3. Resolution 2020-27 A Resolution Approving the 2021 Meeting Schedule; Council Meetings, Fire Department meetings, Commercial Club, Planning Commission, and notice of possible quorum. **Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving Resolution 2020-27, 2021 meeting schedule. The motion carried. 4/0**
4. Resolution 2020-28 A Resolution Transferring Year End Funds; \$20,000 Seal Coat, \$500 Furniture, \$3500 Parks, \$10,000 Public Works, \$5,000 Public Works, \$5,000 Building Equipment, \$10,000 Building Repairs, \$500 Recognition, transferred into the corresponding Capital Fund. Transfer of \$264.52 from fund 2009 A Bond (301) into 2020 A Bond (303) for final closing of 2009 A Bond. **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approving Resolution 2020-28 Year End Transfers. The motion carried. 4/0**
5. Resolution 2020-29 S-1 Supplement Adopting Ordinance – An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the City of New Germany, New Germany Minnesota, Carver County, And Declaring an Emergency. Clarification – these Ordinances have all been previously adopted and published, the Ordinances will now be placed into the codification of Ordinance Book (S-1 Supplement), American Publishing has completed printing and attorney approved Resolution. **Turnquist moved and Mielke second approving Resolution 2020-29 S-1 Supplement Adopting Ordinance. The motion carried. 4/0**
6. Ehlers – informational, 2021 minimum rate is currently \$125 – not to exceed \$350; 2021 rate increases the maximum from \$350 to \$400.00.

F. SHERIFFS REPORT: Tan chevy dumping in the city dumpster; City Officer has been informed.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- 58 calls, on track with last year.
- Meeting last Monday, December 7, 2020, no changes in the officer position; Chief - Ruschmeier, Asst Chief - Ryan Goede, 1st Captain - Dan Mielke, 2nd Captain - John Lenarz, 1st Lieutenant - Clayton Quaas, 2nd Lieutenant - Craig Kahle, 3rd Lieutenant & President - Cole Midthun, Secretary -

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Ria Roland. **Mielke moved and Jaeger second approving the Fire Department elected officers. The motion carried. 4/0**

- House burn on the end of Adams Avenue, 9 evolutions of training (9 times started and extinguished fire), 3 people missing out of 22 Fire Fighters; great training for the new members.
- New Fire Fighters, background checks completed, passed physical, and agility tests. Chief Ruschmeier recommendation to Council is to accept Luke Thun, Devin Lilienthal and Chris Barlau.

Mielke moved and Jaeger second approving Luke Thun to the New Germany Fire Department. The motion carried. 4/0

Jaeger moved and Mielke second approving Devin Lilienthal to the New Germany Fire Department. The motion carried. 4/0

Jaeger moved and Mielke second approving Chris Barlau to the New Germany Fire Department. The motion carried. 4/0

Chief Ruschmeier noted that with the new members the Fire Department active members is 24.

Jaeger thanked the Fire Fighters for the help with Santa on December 5; wonderful turn out.

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,043,357.21, which includes the CD's balance of \$26,290.58. Investment account balance is \$1,013,138.72, \$13,138.72 of interest for 2020, started in January 6, 2020. Also, included was the November bank reconciliation. Clerk went through the bond payments; 12/30/2020 \$39,073.27, \$198,511.87 automatic withdrawals. January 5, 2021 payments; \$76,675, \$31,900.00, \$91,043.76, this is why the utility rates are higher in New Germany. **Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 4/0**

CDA is working on another program to provide assistance to small business in Carver County; emailed the establishments effected by the recent Governor's closure orders, more information to come.

I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Mielke moved and Jaeger second approving claims in the amount of \$36,669.20 (does not include transfers). The motion carried. 4/0**

J. WATER SEWER REPORT: Went through the chemical testing products and results of phosphorus testing on the wastewater ponds. Lee Ortloff will provide additional information when available.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: mechanical permit.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: None.

M. PW REPORT: Steve Van Lith went and look at a 2008 1-ton Chevy truck, City of Victoria truck; sides were very rusted, City will pass.

N. PARKS REPORT: No report.

O. MAYORS REPORT: No report.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Insurance – City does not waive the torte limit liability. **Jaeger moved and Turnquist second not to waive the tort liability coverage. The motion carried. 4/0**

Council went through insurance property and vehicle list.

Hot water heater in the office was replaced.

Chairs from City Independence – they delivered for free, approximately 235 chairs, Carver County Fair will take 100, Hall will keep the rest.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

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1. Utility Rate study – Council decided option's B and C is not an option for the residents of New Germany. Council reviewed the 9% increase in water and sewer or Option A, which is based on actual usage, no free gallons and the base rate is lowered.

Turnquist moved and Mielke second Option A, .197 per 10-gallon price, will also reflect in the fee schedule. The motion carried. 4/0

R. NEW BUSINESS: none.

S. ADJOURNMENT: **Turnquist moved and Jaeger second to adjourn meeting at 8:27 PM. The motion carried. 4/0**

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk