

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – MARCH 16, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on March 16, 2021 in the city council room 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, and Kevin Grove. Other's present were: Fire Chief - Ruschmeier, City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were:

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - **Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approval of Agenda. The motion carried. 5/0.**

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approval of the March 2, 2021 minutes. The motion carried. 5/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED - none at this time.

F. SHERIFFS REPORT – Monthly report reviewed.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Township contract is near completion; Ehlers is making final adjustments. Chief Ruschmeier went through the proposed 2022 contract numbers, increase of operating budget from previous year of approximately \$10,000 (radios). Discussion on radio equipment needs and how to charge accordingly. Camden is donating 10 pager units; Hollywood is not donating. **Grove moved and Jaeger second to approve the 2022 FD contracts, pending Ehlers approval. The motion carried. 5/0**

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the financial accounting fund balance was \$1,728,200.80, which includes the CD's balance of \$26,290.58. Also included was the February bank reconciliation. **Turnquist moved and Mielke second approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 5/0**

I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS – **Grove moved and Mielke second approving the claims in the amount of \$8,033., The motion carried. 5/0**

J. WATER SEWER REPORT – Jessica Hedin with SEH informed the city through electronic communication; Met Council is meeting with Mayer for discussion and after this meeting Mayer would meet with New Germany. Jessica also noted that Met Council would like to be involved and would possibly help but at this time unclear of what the help may be. The city does have that contract with Met Council on wastewater facility.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE – 151 Jefferson Av N, 210 Adams, 251 Mound,

L. COMPLAINT LOG - None at this time.

M. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT -

- Bobcat and attachments ordered; 6-8 weeks until received. Council discussed the tires the bobcat comes with; standard bobcat tires.
- Talked to Bob with Bob's Repair on the lawnmower (2 years), Bob thought it would need to be ordered and it may take a little bit to come in.
- Kevin and Steve did not go look at the City of Zimmerman truck; requires CDL licensing and limits the drivers for the truck. Looking for a 1–2-ton truck, on hold until next year unless something else may pop up. Grove explained the type of truck the city should look into and Grove also researched the state plow price for this type of truck.
- Grove explained pressure washer price quotes he received, more high-end quality, it was questioned if the city needs this type of pressure washer or has the need for it. Grove will look at some other options, lower price range.

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N. PARKS REPORT –

- March 27, 9:30 AM Easter Bunny on the Fire Truck.
- Season tentatively will start on April 12. Eric is still waiting to hear on the light poles.

O. MAYORS REPORT – None at this time.

P. CLERKS REPORT - Thank you from the 4-H Horse Bowl, 4-H, for use of hall.

Q. OLD BUSINESS –

Employee Reviews – Tom gave his report on the employee reviews. Clerk requested a different option on vacation requests.

Mielke shared employee review comments on PW. Steve commented he enjoys plowing and being out doing things for the city. Mielke questioned whom else plows; Chief Ruschmeier, Jim Heimerl, Eric Roepke and a few others were named. **Grove moved and Jaeger second to increase Public Works Supervisor wages to \$15 an hour. The motion carried. 4/0 Steve abstained from voting.**

Mielke shared his employee review with Council on the City Clerk. **Turnquist moved and Jaeger second to increase the clerk wage to \$27 per hour, retroactive to February 3. The motion carried. 5/0**

Van Lith moved and Turnquist second to increase the Office Assistant, Connie Stahlke to \$12.75. The motion carried. 5/0

Turnquist moved and Grove second to move all employee reviews to January 1 going forward. The motion carried. 4/0 Van Lith abstained.

R. NEW BUSINESS – None at this time.

S. ADJOURNMENT - **Turnquist moved and Mielke second to adjourn meeting at 8:12 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk