

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - MARCH 2, 2021 – 7:00 PM

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on March 2, 2021 in the city office of the New Germany City Hall. Mayor Van Lith called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., those present were: Mayor Van Lith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Thomas Mielke, and Kevin Grove. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were:

B CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Persons wishing to address the Council concerning matters pertaining to this agenda as well as any other matters of City concern should ask to be recognized by the Mayor at this time. All presenting items of consideration shall address the City Council and present staff as a whole, and shall not direct comments to individual Council members, attempt to engage Council Members or present staff in conversation, or solicit a Council Member or present staff to respond to the speaker's comments. All speakers are limited to 5 minutes each

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

D APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:

1. **Jaeger moved and Grove second approval of the February 16, 2021 Council Minutes. The motion carried. 5/0**

E ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. **Mielke moved and Grove second approving the 2021 Commercial Club/FD Liquor License. The motion carried. 5/0**

F SHERIFF'S REPORT: no report.

G FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Luke Thun resigned from the Fire Department, recommendation of Fire Department to accept Thun's. **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approving the resignation of Luke Thun. The motion carried. 5/0**
- 2022 Fire Contract are in review with Ehlers.
- Ball Tournament is on schedule.

H TREASURE REPORT:

1. The Treasure report noted that the CTAS complete fund balance is \$1,678,564.28 (includes the investment fund and CD). **Mielke moved and Grove second approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 5/0**

I APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approving the claims in the amount of \$9713.48. The motion carried. 5/0**

J SEWER WATER REPORT: No report.

K BUILDING PERMITS UPDATE:

1. MN Inboard – parts room.

L COMPLAINT LOG: none at this time.

M PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Willow removal update – the County has cleaned the willow on Hilda, three partial days of work with equipment. Dennis Henning inquired with Steve on the willow on 62nd street, Dennis was willing to help with excavator and get it cleaned out. Steve will work with Henning's on the willow when time permits.

2. Public Works Equipment - Paul Lano contacted Mayor Van Lith as there is a need for used Bobcats, the city's Bobcat is worth around \$10,000 and is a 1994. Would need to upgrade some of the attachments, state bid on bobcat is \$48,158., state bid grapple cost is \$3,462, snow blower state bid \$4,957., trade in on our equipment \$5,250, total cost of the Bobcat with attachments and trade in value the cost is \$40,827.00. Council discussed the options on the equipment and what is the City's need. Discussion on the 1994 Bobcat and equipment. **Turnquist moved and Grove second to approve the bid from Lano Equipment for the 2021 Bobcat and attachments for \$40,827.00. The motion carried. 5/0**

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- City of Zimmerman has a used plow truck for sale. Council had a discussion on type of operational endorsements that type of truck would require; CDL, air brakes, Class A license, wages. First step Steve and Kevin will go and review this Class A truck at the City of Zimmerman.
- Pressure Washer - Grove is waiting on bids for a kerosene type, 220-volt, hot water pressure washer.

N PARKS REPORT: Easter Bunny on Fire truck; March 27, 9:30 AM.

O MAYORS REPORT: no additional business.

P CITY CLERK REPORT:

- Clerk Convention June 15 – 18, St Cloud, may be an additional class on the 14th. Booked hotel room if convention would be cancelled a refund is given for the hotel stay.
- Received the CDA grant for \$7,500, 18 months to use for Wastewater research.
- No update on elevator.
- Vacation dates March 3-10 (5 working days). **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approving the Clerk's requested vacation dates. The motion carried. 5/0**

Q OLD BUSINESS – No additional business.

R NEW BUSINESS –

1. Employee Review – Mielke will set an appointment with Clerk and Public Works. Mielke will conduct the interviews.

S ADJOURNMENT – **Mielke moved and Turnquist second adjourn meeting at 7:55 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

Respectfully committed, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk.