

**CITY OF NEW GERMANY
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – MAY 18, 2021**

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on May 18, 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. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: none.

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approving the agenda as printed. The motion carried, all ayes. 5/0.**

D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approval of the Council minutes with the correction or addition of Barb Hone in May 4th meeting attendance. The motion carried. 5/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Council reviewed the new term (years) offer from US Solar; saving is \$500 per year; after discussion Council declined.

2. Council reviewed the American Promise, in Council's opinion this is something the residents would decide on, not Council; Council declined.

3. Council reviewed the insurance appraisal recommendation building amounts, made adjustments. **Turnquist moved and Grove second the appraisal report with the new amounts, with the exception of buildings #9 & #13 will keep the previous allocated amount. The motion carried. 5/0**

4. Clerk went through the copier quotes from Coordinated and Metro Sales, coordinated had state contract pricing and was the lower of the two bids. **Turnquist moved and Grove second approving the Coordinated copier contract for services. The motion carried. 5/0**

G. SHERIFF REPORT: No report at this time.

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,697,351.66, April bank reconciliation was reviewed. **Grove moved and Jaeger second approving the Treasure report. The motion carried. 5/0**

I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Mielke moved and Grove second approving the claims in the amount of \$55,826.34. The motion carried. 5/0** Claims included paying the bobcat out of the Public Works Capital fund.

J. WATER SEWER REPORT:

1. Regionalization meeting is June 1, 2021 12:30 pm at Mayer; will post meeting on account of possible quorum.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: No report.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Blight issues; letters will be going out.

M. PW REPORT:

1. Bobcat and lawnmower both here. Alley has been graded; dust control will be applied. Henning's has the city on their list for repairing the sewer line at the City Shed on State Avenue S.

N. PARKS REPORT: Lutheran High is using the field; many upcoming games, fields are being utilized.

O. MAYORS REPORT: No additional report.

P. CLERKS REPORT: No additional report.

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Q. OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Van Lith explained to Mielke, being an applicant for the part time office assistant Mielke will need to exit the Council room for the closed meeting discussion; Mielke exited Council room.

1. **At 7:46 Mayor Van Lith moved to enter into a closed meeting for the purpose of discussion on the part time office assistant applicants. At 7:59 pm Mayor Van Lith moved to exit the closed meeting and reconvene the regular meeting.** Mielke reentered the Council room. Mayor Van Lith explained to Council member Mielke when Council discusses the applicants for the part time office assistant, Mielke would need to abstain from voting as he is an applicant. Council disclosed from the closed meeting there were three applicants whom applied for the part time office assistant; the interview committee used the same scoring sheet for all three applicants.

Grove moved and Jaeger second to offer the part time office assistant to Lisa Goede. The motion carried. 4/0 Mielke abstained from vote. Turnquist, Grove, Jaeger and Van Lith were ayes.
Mayor Van Lith thanked Mielke for applying for the position.

R. NEW BUSINESS: No other business.

S. ADJOURNMENT: **Grove moved and Turnquist second to adjourn meeting at 8:03 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk