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*CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – AUGUST 3, 2021*

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A CALL TO ORDER – The Regular City Council meeting was held on August 3, 2021 in the city council room of the New Germany City Hall. Mayor Van Lith called the meeting to order at 8 p.m., those presents were: Mayor Van Lith, Council persons Shirley Jaeger, Thomas Mielke and Kevin Grove. Others present were; City Clerk – Twyla Menth, Fire Chief – Dan Ruschmeier, and Relief Association Members – Danny Mielke, and Eric Roepke. Audience members present were: none.

B CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS NOT ON THE AGENDA – no comments.

C APPROVAL OF AGENDA- **Jaeger moved and T.Mielke second approval of the agenda. The motion carried. 4/0**

D APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES – **T. Mielke moved and Jaeger second approving the July 20, 2021 Minutes. The motion carried. 4/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED –

1. 2022 Police Contract – Council reviewed the 2022 Carver County Police Contract; the only increase was the hourly wage increased .30, contract rate was slightly lower than 2021.

**T. Mielke moved and Jaeger second approving the Carver County Police Contract as presented. The motion carried. 4/0.**

F SHERIFF'S REPORT – Nothing further to discuss.

G FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT –

PERA – Dan Mielke explained the Fire Department adopted Resolution 2021-01 which was a resolution accepting PERA as their Statewide Pension Plan, beginning January 1, 2022. On behalf of the Fire Department, they are present to request approval of the PERA pension fund from the Council; city council will need to adopt Resolution 2021-12 as part of the approval process.

**Grove moved and T. Mielke second approval of Resolution 2021-12, A Resolution Opting to Join the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan beginning on January 1, 2022. The motion carried. 4/0**

**Van Lith – aye**

**Jaeger – aye**

**Turnquist – absent**

Chief Ruschmeier reported they have received two grants; UFC \$2,500, MN DNR \$1,500. Chief Ruschmeier explained the need to update the portable radios in the truck, communication needs, original radios, some are not functioning correctly, screens not working. Chief Ruschmeier provided Council a quote from State bidding of \$3,952.92 per portable radio, would like to order 4 for this year, budget has \$10,000., marked for communication (radios), plus the UFC grant and the remaining amount may be taken from the Fire Department Capital fund. The MN DNR grant was submitted for water equipment/tools and has to be used for those items. Discussion on options for the future for communication for Fire trucks; let Townships know if they have any extra ARP funds the FD could use additional funds for this purchase. There is to be additional funds coming later in the year from UFC, at this time the amount is unknown. Chief Ruschmeier reported they are in the process of submitting for Compeer grant of \$3,000.

**Grove moved and Jaeger second approving the purchase of 4 portable radios for the Fire Department trucks and will be paid as listed above, \$15,811.68. The motion carried. 4/0**

H TREASURE REPORT – The Treasure report noted that the overall CTAS fund balance was \$2,022,571.62, (includes the investment & all other accounts). This report includes the American Rescue Plan payment of \$22, 168.67.

**Jaeger moved and Grove second Treasure report as printed. The motion carried. 4/0**

I APPROVAL OF CLAIMS – **Grove moved and T. Mielke second approving the claims in the amount of \$7,897.76. The motion carried. 4/0**

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J SEWER WATER REPORT – City of New Germany received 2020 Community Water Fluoridation 50-year award.

Clerk reported - People Service does not have any wastewater ponds in Iowa with the SAGR system (aerated ponds). Lee Ortloff volunteered tours if Council is interested of other close local facilities, Council can get a general idea by visiting, Jessica Hedin (Wastewater Engineer) would also organize any tours if Council is willing to travel to Iowa to visit a SAGR system.

K BUILDING PERMITS UPDATE – No report.

L COMPLAINT LOG – No report.

M PUBLIC WORKS – No report.

N PARKS REPORT – One night left of ball, possibly make up games. Eric will need to replace a few sprinkler parts. Eric will be replacing the electrical panel in the concession stand; malfunctioned during FD Tournament.

O MAYORS REPORT – Mayor Van Lith read a Public Hearing Notice from Carver County of a non-conforming parcel request; 401 Adams Avenue S. This parcel is in Camden Township and they are basically trading some land with the farmer who owns the agriculture land surrounding the 5-acre parcel.

P CITY CLERK REPORT – New Printer was delivered; upgraded printer for same price on account of shortage of ordered model. Clerk had questions on the Recognition fund; Auditor suggested no gift cards as they would need to reported on W-2. Council decided they can pick their products and the city will pay for the items, not to exceed the allotted amount.

**Jaeger moved and Grove second approving \$500 to be used for Eric Roepke, \$200 to Julie Aarsvold of Capital Recognition fund to honor volunteers. The motion carried 4/0**

Q OLD BUSINESS –

1. Ordinance verbiage (hoop sheds0 – no action taken.
2. 2022 Budget – Ehlers is in the process of reviewing everything.

R NEW BUSINESS – No report.

S ADJOURNMENT – **T. Mielke moved and Grove second to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. The motion carried. 4/0**

Respectfully submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer.