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*CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – JULY 20, 2021*

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A CALL TO ORDER – The Regular City Council meeting was held on July 20, 2021 in the city council room of the New Germany City Hall. Mayor Van Lith called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., those presents were: Mayor Van Lith, Council persons Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Thomas Mielke and Kevin Grove. Others present were; City Clerk – Twyla Menth, 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- **Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approval of the agenda. The motion carried. 5/0**

D APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES – **Turnquist moved and Grove second approving the July 6, 2021 Minutes. The motion carried. 5/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED –

1. Fire Dept Pension – Dan Mielke gave a presentation/report on the current status of the New Germany Fire Dept Pension fund and PERA options. The FD would like to join PERA, huge benefit and cost savings on investment fees, bonding fees and audit fees. The FD recommendation is \$2800 per year of service. Mayor Van Lith gave a report of funds the FD receives from the State. The effective date if changed to PERA would be the date of the enrollment was the thought by Mielke. A Resolution would need to be first be adopted by the Fire Department and then brought to Council for final approval by another Resolution. Council continued discussion on options of transferring to PERA. **Grove moved and Jaeger second approving the \$2800 pension increase per year of service for the New Germany Fire Department members. The motion carried. 5/0**

Grove -yes

Mielke -yes

Turnquist – Yes

Jaeger -Yes

Van Lith - abstained

2. RSD – annual approval of Eric Roepke property in the RSD as he receives no city services. **Turnquist moved and Jaeger second the annual renewal of the RSD rate for Eric Roepke property that receives no city services. The motion carried. 5/0**

3. Wastewater update (if any) – Van Lith gave update, as Grove was not available for meeting with Nexom.

F SHERIFF’S REPORT – June report was reviewed.

G FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – nothing further to report.

H TREASURE REPORT – The Treasure report noted that the overall CTAS fund balance was \$1,992,863.03, (includes the investment & all other accounts). July settlement information was included, investment account statement, LGA and Small City Assistance included, \$22,518., June Bank Reconciliation was reviewed. **Grove moved and Jaeger second Treasure report as printed. The motion carried. 5/0**

I APPROVAL OF CLAIMS – **Jaeger moved and Grove second approving the claims in the amount of \$13,323.71. The motion carried. 5/0**

J SEWER WATER REPORT – Nothing further to report.

K BUILDING PERMITS UPDATE – Nothing to report.

L COMPLAINT LOG – Nothing to report.

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M PUBLIC WORKS – Nothing to report.

N PARKS REPORT – Eric reported light poles are still on hold as that City's project went way over budget; Eric will watch and inform Council when more information is available.

Eric mentioned cementing at the Baseball Park in front of the Concession stand, prior to doing the cement the hydrant and bringing water into the building should be completed; hand water hydrant in front of concession stand should be removed. Henning quote to remove and run water line around the back of the building and into the building is \$2,945. A curb stop will be placed so that water drains back so it can be winterized. This would all be completed and in place for when they decide to do cement. This is just stubbing water into the building, removing existing hydrant, no cement.

**Grove moved and Mielke second approving the quote from Henning's for \$2945., to bring water into the building at the Baseball Park. The motion carried. 5/0**

O MAYORS REPORT – Nothing to report.

P CITY CLERK REPORT – Julie Aarsvold has taken care of the flowers at Gazebo Park and Lindstrom score board area for over 10 years. Julie reported to office, someone has taken the flowers/plants (dug up) from Gazebo Park area. Julie is retiring as care taker and would like to hand off to someone with the same passion.

Ducks Unlimited is renting the Hall September 10, 2021 for their annual banquet, which includes raffles. They have requested Council to approve the LG220 application for exempt permit at the local level. **Van Lith moved and Grove second approving the Ducks Unlimited LG220 Application for Exempt Permit for raffles at their banquet on September 10, 2021 at the New Germany City Hall. The motion carried. 5/0**

Q OLD BUSINESS – No action taken.

R NEW BUSINESS – Discussion on Recognition fund.

S ADJOURNMENT – **Van Lith adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

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