
CITY OF NEW GERMANY COUNCIL MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on September 7, 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 presents 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 COMMENT: There were no additional comments from the audience.
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approval of Agenda. The motion carried. 5/0.**
- D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approval of the August 17, 2021 minutes. The motion. 5/0**
- E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:
1. Council was in favor of moving forward with the 2021 A bond refinance; Ehlers will be present at 9/21/2021 meeting.
 2. Resolution 2021-13 a Resolution approving the ARPA funds. **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approving Resolution 2021-13. The motion carried. 5/0.**
- F. SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Department is short on staff, will be going to 12 hour shifts to accommodate the county needs and contract cities. Hopeful this is a temporary adjustment, if the city does not receive their allotted hours a credit will be received.
- G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: no report.
- H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the CTAS fund balance was \$2,040,235.94 which includes the Investment fund balance. **Mielke moved and Grove second approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 5/0**
Discussed options for the ARPA funds. Ventilation of bathrooms was discussed; Relief Association has agreed to pay for this project. Invest the ARPA funds for future wastewater funds; Ehlers will be at next meeting, wait and discuss with Ehlers.
- I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Turnquist moved and Grove second approving claims in the amount of \$15,285.21. The motion carried. 5/0.**
- J. WATER SEWER REPORT: Sewer cleaning/jetting bids; Hydro Clean \$16,402.60, Overline & Sons \$14,973.00.00. **Turnquist moved and Mielke second approving Overline & Sons to complete the sewer cleaning \$14,973.00, no camera. The motion carried. 5/0**
Lee Orloff reported to Mayor Van Lith on the Iowa system that they recently viewed and was very impressed. Lee Orloff thought it would be a great fit for New Germany; Jessica Hedin will give report on 9/21/2021.
- K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 310 Camden Avenue S; siding permit, 15 Park Street E; sewer/water line permit, 260 State Avenue N submitted bathroom remodel/update.
- L. COMPLAINT LOG: none
- M. PW REPORT: Van Lith reported they have been mowing more.

N. PARKS REPORT: Van Lith was mowing lawn and found someone cleaning fish at the baseball park; place lock on the water hydrant. Jaeger is done at the Parks for the year; waiting on a few bills, when completed Jaeger will submit treasure report.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Met Council 2020 Census count is 464 people, 180 households, and 2.58 persons per household.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Reported reserved hall dates for 2021 and 2022.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:
1. no discussion.
2. Ehlers will be present 9/21/2021

R. NEW BUSINESS: none to report.

S. ADJOURNMENT: **Turnquist moved and Grove second to adjourn the meeting at 7.48 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk