

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – OCTOBER 5, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on October 5, 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: County Commissioner John Fahey.

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

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

D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **Jaeger moved and Grove second approval of the September 21, 2021 minutes. The motion. 5/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Commissioner Fahey explained the Met Council model is shifting and they are taking away from road and bridge, more into bus and rapid transit. Carver County supports the recommendation and changes, although Carver County only gets a slice of the pie; disappointed with Met Council and its decisions. Carver County will continue to request, but not happy with the direction, Carver County has a small voice, mostly distributed towards downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Commissioner Fahey updates – census info is in which revealed a 17% growth in Carver County. 212 is fully funded, start in 2023-2024, growth will continue to come. Several new housing developments is presently under way in Carver and Waconia.

Redistricting, February – March time frame, set their boundaries; agree to or reset the boundaries.

Commissioner Workman district; small by 605 people, Udderman's district; large by 189, Fahey's district; small by 90 people, this is the reason why they look at changing the boundary districts.

F. SHERIFF'S REPORT: no report.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Bruce Fillbrandt resigning (28 years) from the Fire Department. The FD recommends to Council to accept Bruce Fillbrandt resignation and to continue on as a Reserve on the FD. **Jaeger moved and Turnquist second to accept Bruce Fillbrandt's resignation from the New Germany Fire Department, and will remain on the FD Reserve list. The motion carried. 5/0**

Chief Ruschmeier reported Lester Prairie has lost a 41-year-old Fire Fighter; NGFD will be attending.

Chief Ruschmeier gave an update on radio equipment - Radio equipment is coming in; not everything is in yet.

Chief Ruschmeier inquired on hall dates for the annual New Germany/Lester Prairie Fire Department Dance, music provided by Up South. **Mielke moved and Grove second approving the FD Dance on April 22, New Germany Hall. The motion carried. 5/0**

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the CTAS fund balance was \$2,063,299.13 which includes the Investment fund balance. Third quarter reports were reviewed of the general, water and sewer funds. **Mielke moved and Grove second approval of the Treasure report as printed. The motion carried. 5/0**

I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Grove moved and Jaeger second approving the claims in the amount of \$24,356.50. The motion carried. 5/0**

J. WATER SEWER REPORT: Hydrant flushing October 26 – 28, 2021.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: none at this time.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: no complaints.

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M. PW REPORT: Lawnmower is getting repaired; regulator. Street sweeping possible end of month or first part of November.

N. PARKS REPORT: Scheduled turning off the water at Parks.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Mentioned the Clerk should use her remaining vacation hours, 16 hours is allowed to carry over into the next year, with COVID more carry over was allowed in 2020. Review Personnel Policy, check with League of MN for any updated policies.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Conference calls today on Bond ratings 11 – 12:40 pm.
Discussion on fire fighters and usage of halls. **Jaeger moved and Grove second to allow all past and present fire fighters with a paid rental, free usage of the hall the day before and after if available. The motion carried. 5/0**

Q. OLD BUSINESS:
1. No action.
2. No Action, wait till bond information is back on October 19 meeting.

R. NEW BUSINESS:
1. **Grove moved and Turnquist second approving the hall generator maintenance agreement from Advanced power; one-year generator option. The motion carried. 5/0**

S. ADJOURNMENT: **Mielke moved and Grove second to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk