

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on September 21, 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, Asst FD Chief Ryan Goede arrived later in the meeting. Audience members present were: Shelly Eldridge and Jeanne Vogt with Ehlers, Jessica Hedin with SEH.

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Add Resolution 2021-17 Relief Association Donation for Ball Park supplies; Item 5. **Mielke moved and Jaeger second approval of Agenda with the addition of Resolution 2021-17. The motion carried. 5/0.**

D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approval of the September 7, 2021 minutes. The motion. 5/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Jessica Hedin – present to give report on Phase 3 of Wastewater Facility Plan.

Phase 3 Proposed Scope of Work:

- Visited Aerated Pond SAGR facility in Iowa with wastewater operators. The visit provided the operators a chance to speak to an operator of a SAGR facility and ask questions. It also provided an opportunity to see the facility in person.
- Update flows and loads to WWTF. The flow and load data are three years old and will need to be updated with more recent data.
- Prepare a sampling plan for better influent data to prepare for design. The city is currently required to sample the influent wastewater once every three months. Doing some additional sampling events will provide the engineers better data with which to design the facility in the future.
- Update costs for WWTF alternatives. The cost of materials has increased since the cost estimates were originally prepared. The costs need to be updated to reflect current material costs and provide the city (and funding agencies) a better estimated project cost for future planning.
- Complete Antidegradation Review. As we have discussed in the past, an Antidegradation Review is required because the city is expanding their permit. An expansion requires freezing the mass load of the wastewater discharge at current mass load rates. An Antidegradation Review can provide the MPCA a justification to not freeze mass limits which will give the city less stringent effluent limits. The difference in cost for treatment systems with and without an Antidegradation Review is estimated to be almost \$1 million.
- Submit Antidegradation Review to MPCA for review and approval. Respond to MPCA questions and make changes to Review if necessary. Approval of the Antidegradation Review is required before a Facility Plan can be finalized.
- Finalize Facility Plan once Antidegradation Review is approved. The report was started in Phase 1 but needs to be updated with the updated flow and load data, as well as the updated costs. There are also some sections of the report that need to be prepared once a recommendation for an alternative is made. These include the following:
 - a. Prepare Environmental Impact Worksheet (EIW).
 - b. Prepare Cost & Effectiveness Documents.
 - c. Calculate rate impact.
- Prepare presentation and participate in Public Hearing for Facility Plan. This is required for all Facility Plans.
- Submit Facility Plan to MPCA. The intent is to submit the Facility Plan before the March 2022 deadline to get New Germany in the queue for FY2023 funding.

Jaeger moved and Grove second approving the phase 3 plan, cost is \$\$23,900. The motion carried. 5/0

2. Ehlers went through the 2022 budget and provided the updated 2022 FMP, and long-range plan (financial management plan). 2022 Preliminary General levy \$346,379., Debt Service levy \$103,111., 2022 total levy is \$449,490. Overall increase of budget is 1.6% for the year 2022.

Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving Resolution 2021-15, A Resolution Adopting Year 2022 Preliminary Levy for the City of New Germany for Collection in 2022. The motion carried. 4/0

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Mielke – yes, Turnquist- yes, Jaeger- yes, Van Lith- yes, Grove – not present at this moment.

Shelly Eldridge with Ehlers presented the option of refinancing the 2011B and the 2013C Bonds; Shelly went through the 2021A Pre-Sale Report. approximate savings is \$265,000 over the life of the bonds.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS is as follows:

CITY OF NEW GERMANY -GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021A

September 21, 2021 City Council review of Pre-Sale report and provides for sale of Bonds. *[Presale documents due to City by Thursday, September 16 for packets]*

October 05, 2021 Estimated date for Rating conference call with Standard and Poor's.

October 19, 2021 Ehlers receives bids for the Bonds, City Council accepts offer for Bonds and adopts Resolution Approving sale of Bonds.

November 11, 2021 Estimated Closing Date.

December 18, 2021 2011B Bonds called.

February 1, 2022 2013C Bond called.

Mielke moved and Grove second Resolution 2021-14, Providing for the Sale of \$1,505,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A. The motion carried. 5/0

Grove – yes, Mielke – yes, Turnquist – yes, Jaeger – yes, Van Lith - yes

*Moved to FD report – Asst Chief Ryan Goede

3. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving 2021-16 Resolution Domestic Violence Awareness in October Proclamation. The motion carried. 5/0.

4. Carver County Service Agreement for Joint Assessment contract – **Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving the Joint Assessment Agreement. The motion carried 5/0**

5. Resolution 2021-17, A Resolution Approving the LG555 Government Approval or Acknowledgement for Use of Gambling Funds; \$3,482.76 to be used for Ball Park Supplies. **Turnquist moved and Mielke second approving Resolution 2021-17. The motion carried. 5/0.**

F. SHERIFF'S REPORT – monthly report was reviewed. New hours and schedule for Officer Hendricks starting on October 11, 2021.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Asst FD Chief Ryan Goede is present to discuss the DNR grant - \$1500 matching grant, for water flow equipment. Quote for hydrant valve, piercing nozzle, blitz nozzle, \$3,686.95. UFC gave a donation of \$2500, and another donation of \$2,758.62. DNR grant funds you need to purchase the equipment and send the invoice in for payment. **Jaeger moved and Mielke second to purchase the items listed on the quote for \$3,686.95, using DNR Grant funds and UFC donations. The motion carried. 5/0**

After Assistant Chief Goede's report the Council went back to Items to be Discussed #3.

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the CTAS fund balance was \$2,053,230.76 which includes the Investment fund balance. August Bank reconciliation was included in the Treasure report. **Turnquist moved and Mielke second approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 5/0**

I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Grove moved and Jaeger second approving the claims in the amount of \$12,650.95. The motion carried. 5/0**

J. WATER SEWER REPORT: discussed in Item #1.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: furnace permit and fence permit.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Loud music from local establishment; reviewing noise and liquor ordinances, will respond with letter on violations.

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- M. PW REPORT: Sewer jetting/cleaning is almost complete, Van Lith gave report.
- N. PARKS REPORT: no report
- O. MAYORS REPORT: no report
- P. CLERKS REPORT: Thank you card from Julie Aarsvold. Ehlers annual disclosure, no change in fees.
- Q. OLD BUSINESS:
1. No action
2. No action.
- R. NEW BUSINESS:
Reviewed Midwest quote for hall generator, tabled until Advanced Power maintenance list is received.
- S. ADJOURNMENT: **Jaeger moved and Turnquist second to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk