

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – OCTOBER 19, 2021

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on October 19, 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, Fire Chief Dan Ruschmeier and Ehlers - Shelly Eldridge. Audience members present were: none.

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Jaeger moved and Grove second approval of Agenda. The motion carried. 5/0.**

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

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Bond Sale – three bids received; sale day report had a list of bids. Northland Securities and United Bankers Bank were the winning bids (only Minnesota banks). Winning true interest rate 1.4739% with Northland Securities.

Rating difference this time around was AA Bond Rating to AA- rating, mostly due to the moratorium on the pond permit. The city's current fund balance policy states the city will maintain an unrestricted fund balance in the General fund of an amount not less than 25 – 35%, review the fund policy next year when updating the FMP. Estimated preliminary savings at the last meeting was \$256,000 over life of bond, market has increased, savings over the life of the bond (13 years) is still \$234,000. Call date is in 2030, if rates stay low could refund or pay off the bond in the last five years.

Turnquist moved and Grove second Resolution 2021-18, Resolution Providing for the Issuance and Sale of \$1,440,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A, Pledging for the Security Thereof Special Assessments and New Revenues, and Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof. The motion carried. 5/0
Grove – yes, Mielke-yes, Turnquist-yes, Jaeger-yes, Van Lith-yes.

2. **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approving the 2022 Carver County Prosecution contract. The motion carried. 5/0**

F. SHERIFF'S REPORT- email from Commander Mike Wollin, refunding of police aid reimbursement of \$1,057.15, and a post reimbursement of \$125.60; total of \$1,182.75.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Fire Chief Ruschmeier was present to report the Fire Department received a \$3,000 grant from Compeer Financial. Fire Chief Ruschmeier presented a quote for \$3711.43 for additional radios for the FD. **Jaeger moved and Grove second approving the quote in the amount of \$3711.43 as presented. The motion carried. 5/0**

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the CTAS fund balance was \$2,061,095.80 which includes the Investment fund balance. September Bank reconciliation was reviewed. **Mielke moved and Grove second approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 5/0**

I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Mielke moved and Jaeger second approval of the claims in the amount of \$34,457.94. The motion carried. 5/0**

J. WATER SEWER REPORT:

1. People Service quarterly report was reviewed.

2. MN Dept of Health letter reporting the results of recent lead/copper testing as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act was compliant; the city will go to a three-year testing schedule for the 5 locations going forward.

3. Completed power point presentation for the Wastewater bonding bill. A meeting will be coming in the near future explaining the need of the wastewater project and Ortloff will be proving a tour. Those attending will be; SEH lobbyist Ward, Jim Nash, Julie Coleman, Mayor Van Lith, Lee Ortloff, Jessica Hedin, David Krueger, and the Clerk.

- K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 2 ROW permits, and MN Inboard plumbing permit.
- L. COMPLAINT LOG: None.
- M. PW REPORT: End of mowing season, hopefully plowing does not start anytime soon.
- N. PARKS REPORT: Halloween set up next Thursday: 6:30 PM, Saturday the 30th is the Halloween Party, 6 PM – 7:30 PM.
- O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing further to report.
- P. CLERKS REPORT: Workman Comp audit was completed today.
- Q. OLD BUSINESS: no updates at this time.
- R. NEW BUSINESS: **Turnquist moved and Grove second approving update of ROW permit is valid for 180 days, fee schedule definition of large project is over 100 ft, small is 100 ft or less. The motion carried. 5/0**
- S. ADJOURNMENT: **Mielke moved and Turnquist second to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk