
CITY OF NEW GERMANY, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – DECEMBER 7, 2021

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on December 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, and Kevin Grove. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth, Fire Chief Dan Ruschmeier and Ehlers – Jeanne Vogt. Audience members present were:

7 PM - Truth and Taxation Public Hearing called to order.

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approval of Agenda. The motion carried. 4/0.**

D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **Jaeger moved and Grove second approval of the November 16, 2021 minutes. The motion carried. 4/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Jeanne with Ehlers present for the TNT Public Hearing. Jeanne went through the Financial Management Plan. Discussion on projects for the future needs and to implement anything into the FMP. Fire Department Tanker truck discussion, prioritized Fire Department equipment needs. Jeanne went over the utility rate long range plan; 7% increase in water rates and 6% increase for sewer rates for 2022, originally it was projected as a 9% increase.

Mayor Van Lith closed the Truth and Taxation Public Hearing at 7:51 PM. The motion carried. 4/0

2. Resolution 2021-22, 2022 Budget for the City of New Germany. **Grove moved and Jaeger second approving the 2022 Budget for the City of New Germany. The motion carried. 4/0.**

3. Resolution 2021-23, 2022 Final Levy. **Turnquist moved and Grove second approving the City of New Germany's 2022 final levy: \$449,486. The motion carried. 4/0**

After Item #3, 7:57 PM, Council moved to FD report as Chief Ruschmeier was present. Chief Ruschmeier reported Dane Wagner, new applicant to the Fire Dept. FD recommends Dan Wagner as a new fire fighter for the New Germany Fire Department upon completion of physical and agility testing.

Jaeger moved and Grove second approving Dane Wagner as a New Germany Fire Fighter upon completion of the physical and agility test. The motion carried. 4/0

Chief Ruschmeier provided the outcome of 2022 Elections; Chief - Dan Ruschmeier, Asst Chief – Ryan Goede, 1st Captain – Cole Midthun, 2nd Captain – John Lenarz, 1st Lieutenant – Dan Mielke, 2nd Lieutenant – Craig Kahle, 3rd Lieutenant – Chris Barlau, Secretary – Alex Kurtz. **Jaeger moved and Grove second approving the 2022 Elected Officers as listed above. The motion carried. 4/0**

8:03 PM – Eric Roepke was present to provide a quick update on the ball field lights. Eric received additional lights from Plato that came from Minnetonka free of charge, green generation lights, more reflective, lighter on the fields, less light on neighboring properties, ballas capacities long usage, 60 new light bulbs, mounting plates, can use any poles. Plan is to use some of the lights for replacing outdated lights in Lindstrom Park; can no longer get bulbs for lights at Lindstrom. Council thanked Eric for all his efforts in getting the lights and for all he does for the Parks.

4. At 8:10 PM Council came back to item #4. Resolution 2021-24 A Resolution accepting additional ARP funds. **Turnquist moved and Grove second approving the additional funds received from the American Rescue Plan of \$725.96. The motion carried. 4/0**

5. 2022 Liquor License/soft drink license approval;

- Down South – **Jaeger moved and Grove second approving Down South 2022 liquor and soft drink license. The motion carried. 4/0**
- Heimey's Place – **Jaeger moved and Grove second approving Heimey's Place 2022 liquor and soft drink license. The motion carried. 4/0**

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- T-Road Tavern – **Grove moved and Jaeger second approving T-Road Tavern 2022 liquor and soft drink license. The motion carried. 4/0**

F. SHERIFF'S REPORT: Staff shortage at the Sheriff Department.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Ruschmeier provided update earlier in the meeting.

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the CTAS fund balance was \$3,418,515.37 which includes the Investment fund balance. Council reviewed the October, and November bank reconciliations, Carver County property tax, fiscal disparities settlement (\$233,306.41), utility credit card payment summary year to date. **Jaeger moved and Grove second approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 4/0**

I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Jaeger moved and Grove second approving claims in the amount of \$26,152.19. The motion carried. 4/0**

J. WATER SEWER REPORT: Watertown meeting went well.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: None

L. COMPLAINT LOG: None

M. PW REPORT: Carver County is inquiring if there is any interest to plow the trail; included was a draft proposal from Carver County. No interest from public works as of this time.

N. PARKS REPORT: Santa Breakfast went well; \$450 profit. Check into the ice-skating rink.

O. MAYORS REPORT: No additional comments.

P. CLERKS REPORT: 4-H Shooting Sports has requested use of the Hall from January 6 – April 21, 2022. Submitted additional grant of \$3,000 for 2022 Solid Waste funds; possible use as a no fee clean-up day in May.

Q. OLD BUSINESS: None at this time.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council reviewed the 2022 meeting dates.
2. Council reviewed Ordinance No. 117 and the fee schedule, will publish summary, post (10 days), adopt, make the changes as discussed on the fee schedule and have at the December 21, 2021 meeting. Any zoning amendment of fees requires a public hearing.

S. ADJOURNMENT: **Jaeger moved and Grove second to adjourn the meeting at 8.:47 PM. The motion carried. 4/0**

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk