
CITY OF NEW GERMANY, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2, 2022

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on February 2, 2022 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 Thomas Mielke. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Officer Brad Hendricks.
- B. CITIZEN COMMENT: There were no additional comments from the audience.
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approving the agenda. The motion carried. 4/0.**
- D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **Mielke moved and Jaeger second approving the January 18, 2021 minutes. The motion carried. 4/0**
- E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: None.
- F. SHERIFF'S REPORT:
Officer Hendricks, will be the city officer for 2022, schedule change, staffing issues to eliminate the amount of over time. Officer Hendricks went over his current schedule with Council; current schedule is 6 am – 6 pm with rotating days and every other Sunday. Officer Robert works the other days from 6 am – 6 PM. Officer Hendricks will be out for vacation, then he will be undergoing surgery will be at desk duty until recovered, 4-6 months. Officer Jonathan Howard will be filling in while Officer Hendricks is out and on light duty. Night time cars are County North cars (there is 2), Watertown, Mayer, New Germany, and Laketown Township is their coverage area.
- G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: No report at this time.
- H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the CTAS fund balance was \$1,914,140.70 which includes the Investment fund balance. **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 4/0**
- I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Mielke moved and Jaeger second approving the claims in the amount of \$22,846.11. The motion carried. 4/0**
- J. WATER SEWER REPORT: Will be inputting a line item into sewer revenue for CDA matching grant funds for Wastewater, there is a line item in sewer expenses budget for wastewater (phosphorus updates).
- K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Park Street E, lathe and plaster tear out, replacing insulation and sheet rock.
- L. COMPLAINT LOG: No complaints at this time.
- M. PW REPORT: Nothing further to report.
- N. PARKS REPORT: Nothing further to report.
- O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing further to report.
- P. CLERKS REPORT:
Letter from Ehlers on monitoring the outstanding bond issues and at this time there is no potential refunding opportunities.
Informed Council of the current 2022 hall rental schedule.

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Carver County Road Maintenance appropriation will be \$11,092.62, will be deposited on 02/04/2022. Auditor was here January 31 and February 1, 2022.; March 1 Sara will be here to present Audit to Council. All reports have been filed for 2021; W-2's completed, 1099 completed, PERA Exclusion report. Clerk Conference in ST. Cloud – March 23-25, 2022.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Annual Solid waste grant was \$4039; 2022 it will be \$5500.

2. Council reviewed the four furnace bids; replacing the two furnaces in the upper portion of the hall and 1 AC unit. Bids were received from Metro Air (2 options) 15,900 or 16,200, Nace Heating (3 options) 26,832.25, 27,901.62, 28,466.11, Hollywood Heating (2 options) 18,650 or 19,400, and Peak Heating and Cooling (3 options) 15,224, 16,4194, 17,166. All bids were very similar just different brands of equipment from high grade to low grade. Metro Air also offered a rebate for \$950.00, that will be sent directly to the city; cost of equipment 15,900, less the rebate will be \$14,950. The only other bid that offered a rebate was Peak for \$400.

Turnquist moved and Jaeger second Metro Air bid for \$15,900. The motion carried. 4/0

R. NEW BUSINESS: Thomas Mielke has conducted the employee reviews. Council had discussion on the Employee reviews; Janitor monthly salary will remain the same; flexible schedule, approximately 15-18 hours per month, additional hourly pay for rentals and improvements. **Turnquist moved and Jaeger second increasing Clerk wages \$1 per hour, Public Works \$1 per hour, and Office Assistant \$.50 per hour. The motion carried. 3/0**

Steve Van Lith – abstained

S. ADJOURNMENT: **Jaeger moved and Turnquist second to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM. The motion carried. 4/0**

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk