
CITY OF NEW GERMANY, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – JANUARY 18, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on January 18, 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, Thomas Mielke and Kevin Grove. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth, Fire Chief Dan Ruschmeier. Audience members present were: Lee Orloff with People Service.

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. 5/0.**

D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **Jaeger moved and Grove second approval of the January 4, 2022 minutes. The motion. 5/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Resolution 2022-03 Year End 2021 Fire Department Budget Surplus \$5,232., transfer into FD Truck and Building capital fund. **Grove moved and Jaeger second approving Resolution 2022-03. The motion carried. 5/0, Mielke.**

Resolution 2022-04 CDA grant application \$100,000 to be used for the Facility Plan for the wastewater project. **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approving Resolution 2022-04. The motion carried. 5/0.**

F. SHERIFF'S REPORT: Officer Hendricks at next Council meeting, monthly report was available for review.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Ruschmeier reported the \$5,000 has been issued for the chassis purchase. Chief Ruschmeier went through the prepay options; Council had a discussion and decided to leave the money invested for a better return. Chief Ruschmeier handed out the HGAC purchase order form, Chief Ruschmeier went through the order form with Council.

Grove moved and Mielke second declining any prepay option on the 2024 FD chassis. The motion carried. 5/0

Moved to Lee with People Service – Lee explained his layered mapping of all of the city's infrastructure on the TV screen; League of MN Cities has accepted this as documentation. Lee went through the layers that he has built into the maps, sewer, hydrants, water, curb stops, sewer clean out, manholes are to name a few. Lee showed the Council all of the infrastructure options that go through Black Forest out to Trophy Lakes and 62nd street, this also shows all of the stubs for future development that is in place.

Informed Council we are looking at handheld, meter options for the future, cannot get parts for these old meters, no support for software from Badger.

Lee explained to Council the effluent testing for the antideg review for the Facility Plan as required by MPCA.

Wastewater Public Hearing – March 1, 2022.

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the CTAS fund balance was \$1,916,394.10, which includes the Investment fund balance. **Turnquist moved and Grove second approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 5/0**

I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Grove moved and Mielke second approving the claims in the amount of \$18,591.48. The motion carried. 5/0**

J. WATER SEWER REPORT: previously discussed above.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Basement beam alterations; 480 Broadway Street E.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: None

M. PW REPORT: None

N. PARKS REPORT: None.

O. MAYORS REPORT: None

P. CLERKS REPORT: Upstairs furnace had mechanical issues, blown motor. Hollywood Heating repaired the furnace, Council needs to decide if these 30-year-old furnaces (2) and one old AC unit should be replaced. Hollywood did supply a quote; Council has requested two more quotes.

2022 Items; update fund policy, hoop sheds, repair sewer at City shed, sump pump inspection of residents. Council had a discussion for future use of Public Works and Fire Department buildings; once wastewater project is finalized this is something that will need to be researched and plan accordingly.

Q. OLD BUSINESS: Nothing additional.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Nothing additional.

S. ADJOURNMENT: **Grove moved and Jaeger second to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk