

---

*CITY OF NEW GERMANY, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – MARCH 15, 2022*

---

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on March 15, 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, Asst. Fire Chief Ryan Goede, and 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Danny Mielke. Audience members present were: None.

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Jaeger moved and Turnquist second placing the Fire Dept to #1 in Items to be discussed, approval of the agenda with changes. The motion carried. 4/0**

D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **Jaeger moved and Van Lith second approval of the March 1, 2022, minutes. The motion carried. 4/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Asst Chief Goede reported Dan Ruschmeier resigned from the Fire Department on March 7, 2022, Fire Dept recommendation is to approve. **Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approving the Fire Department's recommendation of accepting Dan Ruschmeier resignation from the New Germany Fire Department. The motion carried. 4/0**

Goede has been busy attending Township meetings, updated Council on the tanker that is on order. Asst Goede has a truck construction meeting all day on Thursday and then a Chief meeting in the evening. New gas monitors are in (3); Dan Perrel dropped off CO monitors. Asst Chief Goede would like to have a vote for the Asst Fire Chief; Council had a discussion on by laws and qualifications. Council member Turnquist would like the Fire Department to come up with their recommendation to Council. Asst Chief Goede would like to look for the future of the Fire Department and acclimate any interested officer positions for future needs of the FD. Grass rig in 2023 is slated for replacement, can always push it out, is in good shape. Asst Chief Goede talked about how the FD can consolidate equipment. Asst Chief Goede attended Township meeting and discussed the 2023 Townships Fire Contracts; no issues. Council reviewed the Township Contract info. **Turnquist moved and Mielke second approving the 2023 fire coverage for the Hollywood and Camden Townships. The motion carried. 4/0. The motion carried. 4/0**

1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Dan Mielke updated the FD by laws to the \$2800 stipend. The FD has updated the New Germany Firefighters Relief Association bylaws to comply with PERA requirements. **T. Mielke moved and Jaeger second Firefighters Relief Association Statement of The Association's Investment Policy, Objective's, and Operating Guidelines (per PERA). The motion carried. 4/0**

2. **Turnquist moved and T. Mielke second approving the 2021 Audit. The motion carried. 4/0**

3. Attorney has the foreclosure information on the 11 non lake lots at Trophy Lakes and is researching what is the best option. There is another foreclosure lot on Camden; attorney will give opinion on this as well. Attorney will also review what the land (lake lots) can be used for at TL until infrastructure is in, will review with Council when all information is back.

F. SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Department is having success with new hires.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: reported in Items to be Discussed #1.

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the CTAS fund balance was \$1,944,663.32, which includes the Investment fund balance. February bank reconciliation was reviewed. **Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 4/0**

- I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Mielke moved and Jaeger second approving claims in the amount of \$22,891.01. The motion carried. 4/0**
- J. WATER SEWER REPORT: Scheduling sump pump inspections in the next week.
- K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: none to report.
- L. COMPLAINT LOG: None.
- M. PW REPORT: Van Lith reported snowbirds on last snow fall; Sheriff issued tickets. Water pump went out on payloader, had to plow some of the streets with bobcat. Henning's did Hilda and 62<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- N. PARKS REPORT: no report.
- O. MAYORS REPORT: No report.
- P. CLERKS REPORT: Clerk reported a liquor establishment in the city is or will be changing ownership. Paper work has been submitted for background check, when it returns, it will go to Alcohol and Gambling, State of MN for final approval. I would recommend Council approve the liquor license pending on all approved paperwork from the Alcohol and Gambling, and background check. **Mielke moved and Jaeger second approving the new liquor license, pending the approval of all paperwork and applications to the State of MN (AGE). The motion carried. 4/0**

Reimbursed through Solid Waste grant for the brush agreement with Mayer; \$2500.

- Q. OLD BUSINESS: no report.
- R. NEW BUSINESS: Turnquist would like IT to recommend update for surface pros.
- S. ADJOURNMENT: **Mielke moved and Turnquist second to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. The motion carried. 4/0**

Respectfully Submitted, \_\_\_\_\_ Twyla Menth, City Clerk