

## CITY OF NEW GERMANY – COUNCIL MINUTES - JUNE 7, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on June 7, 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: Asst. Fire Chief Ryan Goede, City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were:

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Council member Jaeger moved and Council member Mielke seconded approval of Agenda. The motion carried. 5/0.**

D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **Council member Jaeger moved and Council member Grove seconded approval of the May 17, 2022 minutes. The motion carried. 5/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Council reviewed the draft of the Nuvera Extension Ordinance; no changes.
2. Council reviewed Met Council numbers.

F. SHERIFF'S REPORT: Clerk gave report on 2023 Police Contract: plan on 8% increase, approximately \$1,350 increase from previous year. Mostly on account of staffing needs and increased overhead costs.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: **Council member Jaeger moved and Council member Grove seconded accepting Steve Van Lith's retirement from the New Germany Fire Department, 41 years of dedicated service, Van Lith will remain on the Reserve fire fighter list. The motion carried. 5/0**

Asst. Chief Goede reported - 2 grants; McLeod Co-op \$2,000, CenterPoint grant for \$2,300; designated for radios. Asst Chief recommended to purchase 4 radios at this time.

**Council member Mielke moved and Council member Grove seconded to purchase 4 radios for the NGFD. The motion carried. 5/0.**

Fire Department is getting low on numbers, possible losing a few more. Asst Chief Goede explained the training option they have for new members; online classes and 1 week training at Camp Ripley. Asst Chief Goede went through the training and certification it takes to become a fire fighter. Looking into Rescue & Reserve for how many members are allowed: reviewing information to find this information.

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the CTAS fund balance was \$1,828,100.48, which includes the Investment fund balance.

**Council member Grove moved and Council member Jaeger seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 5/0**

I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Council member Grove moved and Council member Mielke seconded approval of the claims in the amount of \$22,896.24. The motion carried. 5/0**

J. WATER SEWER REPORT: People Service has started using alum in the ponds to treat the phosphorus levels, it is working great. People Service will be sending in wastewater pond samples, and once approved People Service will start discharging into County Ditch 9. Found a different method of dispersing the alum and the pontoon is no longer needed; David Henning will pick up the pontoon.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 2 roof permits.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: no complaints (officially).

M. PW REPORT: Nothing additional to report. Steve will be organizing in the public works building.

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N. PARKS REPORT: Busy with games for a few weeks. Swing set from the Hermantown movie at the softball park (commercial grade); see if they can find a place that it can be utilized.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Lisa Geode is resigning from the part time office employee, last day is June 29, 2022. **Council member Jaeger moved and Council member Mielke seconded accepting Lisa Goede's resignation, effective June 29, 2022. The motion carried. 5/0.**

P. CLERKS REPORT: Storage room where holiday supplies and wheelchairs are stored has been cleaned out, Fire Department carried all the debris out to dumpster.  
Budget date; July 26, 7 PM, post notice.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Purchase Policy – table until next meeting.

2. **Council member Grove moved and Council member Turnquist seconded approving the city logo. The motion carried. 5/0**

3. Discussion on Trophy Lakes; come up with a new development agreement was Council's consensus. Council had brief discussion on plantings and gardens.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Planning Commission will plan on fall meeting dates.

S. ADJOURNMENT: **Council member Grove moved and Council member Mielke seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

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