
CITY OF NEW GERMANY, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 5, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on April 5, 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, Asst. Fire Chief Ryan Goede, and Carver County Commissioner John Fahey. Audience members present were: none.

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Fire Dept move to 1A., add Resolution 2022-06 as Item #4. **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approval of Agenda with changes. The motion carried. 5/0.**

D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: Correction of Council attending Township meeting. **Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approval of the March 15, 2022, minutes with correction. The motion carried. 5/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Asst Chief Goede reported the pump went out on grass rig, replace the pump is \$11,000 for a new pump, \$9,300 for a rebuilt or \$9,100 for a used. This truck is scheduled to be replaced in a few years; Asst Goede noted the FD garage limits the size of fire truck purchase; more room is needed. Goede explained they are tabling repairs for now, FD heard the RMC Ambulance may be relocating. Asst Chief Goede suggests to not throw any additional money until we know the future plan, for now the FD will go without the pump. Asst Chief Goede is looking at consolidating the fire truck fleet for future needs. Discussion on the supply and demand issue puts these trucks 1.5-2 years after order is placed. FD is talking about iPad; Steve recommends the FD use his surface Pro as he is not using it. Asst Chief Goede updated on current FD truck on order; on trac with budget, everything is on schedule.

2. Commissioner Fahey – Provided Council a report on the County redistricting, highway updates, and interesting population statistics for Carver County; fastest growing county in the State, Hennepin County lost 14,000, Ramsey lost 8,000. Median value house in New Germany is valued at \$242,000. County ARPA funds are trickling down to support projects in Carver County. Rural intersection lighting grant of \$310,000; intersection of 30/32 they will be receiving improved lighting; bridge on 32 will be started in May or June.

3. Forfeited lands – Council reviewed the information from the city attorney on the forfeited parcels, the attorney is recommendation is to pass on the lots. Will formally address with Resolution at the April 19 meeting. Discussion on the attorney findings on what is allowed on the Trophy Lakes lots; to remain a bare lot, until infrastructure is in, developer agreement and covenants would need to be updated by owner of TL if they are proposing anything different. **Grove moved and Mielke second to have the attorney send a letter to the owner of Trophy Lakes on allowed use of lots, campers, trailers and fish houses. The motion carried. 5/0**

4. Resolution 2022-06 – A Resolution Approving the LG555 Government Approval or Acknowledgement for Use of Gambling Funds, funds are for Parks \$1,834.00. **Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving Resolution 2022-06. The motion carried. 5/0.**

F. SHERIFF'S REPORT: no report.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Discussed in Item #1.

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the CTAS fund balance was \$1,944,007.58, which includes the Investment fund balance and audit adjustments. **Mielke 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 \$34,215.89. The motion carried. 5/0**
- J. WATER SEWER REPORT: Generator repairs are near completion.
- K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Down South (Fat Boyz) has submitted a bathroom alteration permit today.
- L. COMPLAINT LOG: none.
- M. PW REPORT: Sump pump inspections are in progress. Council had a discussion on public works protocol and residents trying to assist in situations; protocol is to call and make the city aware of the issue and dispatch public works out or the designated city contractor.
- N. PARKS REPORT: Easter bags ready. Waconia girls league will be playing ball games at the fields, in discussion with Hollywood for scheduling additional games, Chopper has stated interest for games.
- O. MAYORS REPORT: reported city property taxes remained the same, value has increased.
- P. CLERKS REPORT:
Discussion on how to use the ARPA funds; will look at previous minutes and possible need to amend or rescind the previous motion/resolution.
Blight letters have been sent out.
IT for the city, noted it was fine to update the Surface Pro tablets to windows 11.
Hall rentals – 4/10, 5/7-5/8, 6/7, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, and 9/10, one rental for 2023.
Clerk Conference was good, great keynote speakers, classes were good, networking with other clerks is always a plus.
- Q. OLD BUSINESS:
1. Spring clean up is May 14 from 7 am – 11 am. Residents will be given a \$5 credit per household on their total amount. NYA date is following weekend May 21.
- R. NEW BUSINESS: Nothing further.
- S. ADJOURNMENT: **Grove moved and Jaeger second to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk