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*CITY OF NEW GERMANY, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – JULY 19, 2022*

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A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on July 19, 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, Thomas Mielke and Kevin Grove. Absent – Ty Turnquist. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Glenn Gruenhagen.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: Glenn Gruenhagen who is running for MN State Senate, District 17 was present to introduce himself to Council. Glenn explained the redistricting; prior to the new district 17, this was Jim Nash's area. McLeod County was a large supporter for Glenn in the past, this was Glenn's old district, Glenn provided Council with his credentials, Glenn informed Council he is going to City's that are unfamiliar with him and introducing himself and would appreciate their support. Glenn has worked with Jim Nash on previous items, would fight for wastewater needs for New Germany.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Jaeger moved and Grove seconded approval of Agenda. The motion carried. 4/0.**

D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **Grove moved and Mielke seconded approval of the July 5, 2022, Council minutes. The motion carried. 4/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Laketown Electric LED quote – discussed the LED ballast update in the office and the hall.

**Grove moved to proceed forward with the office and city hall led light project, Council had a brief discussion on the direction of the hall, Jaeger seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4/0**

2. Tax forfeited land sale – Council reviewed the Trophy Lakes non lake lots; sold at Public Auction, Carver County Courthouse August 17.

F. SHERIFF'S REPORT: Monthly report was in packet.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Asst Chief Goede was not present.

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the CTAS fund balance was \$2,131,951.81 which includes the Investment fund balance. June bank reconciliation and Ehlers Investment account statement were reviewed. **Jaeger moved and Grove seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 4/0**

I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Mielke moved and Grove seconded approving the claims in the amount of \$37,411.29. The motion carried. 4/0**

J. WATER SEWER REPORT: People Service quarterly report was present for review. Discussed trailer options for transferring and dispersing alum into the ponds.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: Roof permit.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: No complaints.

M. PW REPORT:

1. Seal coat – 2023 project, may need crack repair in 2022.

2. Weather Sirens – reviewed quote, sirens are working, check with Frontline see if they want to purchase the sirens we have, use our sirens until new are needed.

3. Clayton Quaas trimmed all the brush on the east side of Black Forest Road by pond; Van Lith hauled three loads of brush from the trim job. Clayton did a very nice trim job noted Van Lith.

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N. PARKS REPORT: State Tournament up in the air; lack of interest. Chopper will not be using the school field.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing more to report.

P. CLERKS REPORT:

1. Clerk provided an Election update; first Election meeting July 20, 9:30 AM.

2. Health care increase of \$27.46. **Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded approving the Clerk's healthcare increase of \$27.46 per month. The motion carried. 4/0**

3. Highway 7 Safety Audit Group will be attending a Council meeting in the future with their presentation, findings and recommendations.

4. **Jaeger moved and Grove seconded approving carpet cleaning in the office and city hall. The motion carried. 4/0**

Q. OLD BUSINESS: No report

R. NEW BUSINESS: No report.

S. ADJOURNMENT: **Grove moved and Mielke seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. The motion carried. 4/0**

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