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*CITY OF NEW GERMANY, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – AUGUST 16, 2022*

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- A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on August 16, 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 Asst - Ryan Goede. Audience members present were: Jeff Fuller, Ben Schroeder and Tim Jenkins.
- B. CITIZEN COMMENT: no comments.
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded approval of Agenda. The motion carried. 5/0.**
- D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **Jaeger moved and Grove seconded approval of the August 2, 2022, minutes. The motion carried. 5/0**
- E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:
1. Ehlers – no benefit of refunding any of the bonds.
  2. 280 Washington Avenue N, Ben Schroeder is trying to sell his property, no legal description of the roadway (alley). All the maps show a legal ally access on the maps. Schroeder's real estate agent Tim Jenkins, has a surveyor scheduled if the city attorney and the land examiner do not find the legal description of right of way. Hopefully the documents found in the safety deposit box may provide the information needed. Discussion on the urgency of the legal description of the right of way corridor (alley), legal description is needed from for the closing on account of the title insurance, documented access to the property is a must reported Jenkins. Jenkins and Schroeder may return to a future meeting for more discussion if needed.
- F. SHERIFF'S REPORT: Monthly report in packet.
- G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:
1. Wage increase – Turnquist recommended mirroring Mayer wages for New Germany. **Turnquist moved and Grove seconded approved the \$2,650 increase of wages as proposed by the FD. The motion carried. 5/0**
  2. Ruschmeier sent air pack in for repairs over 2 years, now company has been bought out, and air pack has not been found or no documentation with the new company; McQueen. Chief Goede has been pursuing, trying to find air pack, no tracking number, cannot find the air pack, missing a pack frame. The cost is \$5,700., McQueen said they would pay \$4,038.50, balance \$1,661.50 the Fire Dept would need to pay. **Grove moved and Jaeger seconded approving \$1,661.50 to purchase the air pack. The motion carried. 5/0**
- Fire Department by Law change – reviewing training requirements, first thoughts were if training requirements are not completed, you would lose a year from the pension plan, State does not recommend this as it is a liability on the Fire Department, City and Fire Chief. Can use the loss a year from pension for call requirements, training is plain and simple, if you do not meet the training requirements you are removed from the Fire Department. Council and Asst Chief Goede continued discussions on meeting and training requirements. Council requested Fire Department to come up with a bylaw change recommendation and present to Council.
- H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the CTAS fund balance was \$2,195,054.75, which includes the Investment fund balance, July bank reconciliation and investment report were reviewed. **Turnquist moved and Mielke seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 5/0**
- I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approving claims in the amount of \$12,594.08. The motion carried. 5/0**
- J. WATER SEWER REPORT: Lift station calibration has been completed.

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K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 415 Park Avenue E, deck stairs

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Resident was present to file a complaint on the music on the patio at Fat Boyz. Resident noted that the music has improved since Fat Boyz has acquired the establishment, the issue is not the music it is the bass sound (thumping inside resident's home from the bass). Noise ordinance does not kick in until 10 PM at night. Resident explained this past Saturday, August 13, was by far the loudest and worst the bass has been. Turnquist noted he has had verbal complaints from residents on Park Street, no additional complaint forms have been filled out, only verbal to Turnquist. Fat Boys will be notified of the first official complaint, and be sent a letter on the issue. Turnquist was provided with complaint forms for future use.

M. PW REPORT: Tree removal behind the city shed is needed and a quote from Van Dynes tree service has been obtained. The quote is for \$2500 for removal of several trees and one tree will require crane assistance, this is included in the quote, stump removal is not and the wood will be left.

**Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded approving the quote from Van Dyne Tree Service for \$2500., removing several trees located behind the city public works shed @ 250 State Avenue N. The motion carried. 5/0**

Ice skating rink – if doing ice rink at Lindstrom, it would be on the volleyball court, lots of sand, hauling water, big hassle were Van Lith's thoughts. Grove thought the tennis court would be a better place; no lighting. Discussion for future meeting, check with Eric for additional ideas.

N. PARKS REPORT: Nothing to report.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing to report.

P. CLERKS REPORT:

1. Elections – Primary was a good turnout, few glitches in the AM, hopefully worked out for General Election.

2. Ad for the part time Office Assistant will come out on Friday in the Herald Journal. May need to review the wage options prior to interviewing, base on knowledge.

3. Misc. - Saturday, September 17 is the Special Waste collection at for Carver County residents at Hollywood Carver County shed, no furniture, no garbage, no mattresses, information is posted in the glass case on the outside of city hall.

Any comments or ideas from National Night Out for 2023 would be appreciated; thought the Thrivent card worked great for drawing items, do again next year.

Tomorrow AM (Wednesday) Pete with Carver County will be meeting to review logo for public works equipment.

Carpet company called Rug Suckers will be coming tomorrow to provide a quote for cleaning carpets in office and hall. Jaeger mentioned a name to check with for carpet cleaning.

We have a few boxes of T12 lights that we can no longer use on account of the LED switch out; sell them, get what we can, or give away.

Sentence to Serve with Carver County will be here the end of August for a few days painting curbs.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ehlers will be getting to the 2023 preliminary budget numbers; still in TIF reporting.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Nothing additional to report.

S. ADJOURNMENT: **Grove moved and Turnquist seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

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