
CITY OF NEW GERMANY, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – OCTOBER 4, 2022

A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on October 4, 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: Fire Department – Ryan Goede, Chris Barlau, Commissioner John Fahey, and City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: no audience members.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: No audience members.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda change order in Items to be Discussed: Commissioner Fahey will be first, followed by the Fire Department, and then to the regular agenda item. **Grove moved and Mielke seconded approving the agenda with the changes. The motion carried. 5/0.**

D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **Grove moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the September 20,2022 minutes as printed. The motion carried. 5/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- John Fahey – highway 212 project almost complete, November 1 all 4 lanes will be open, fully funded for the NYA to Cologne. Additional 10 million in federal grants for a bridge at the Bongard's intersection (over the road). County Road 32 bridge project should be open the end of November, weather permitting.
- Project connect up CarverLink and Metro Net, go to CarverLink.com to learn more, blue map and the red map, blue map is the Metro Net portion with Carver County. LTD received the bid, since then pulled by the federal government, hopeful for the county bidding on the area.
- 2023 Carver County preliminary budget 4.9% increase, average home \$450,000, county overall market evaluation \$20 billion, \$4 billion increase since John has been in office.
- Ryan Goede had questions on county road 30, if it is scheduled for repairs. John will check into.

Fire Dept –

- Relief will be donating to Parks capital fund for the Napa bill.
- Reconstructing officers, eliminate three lieutenant positions, will consist of 2 chiefs, 3 captains, numbers are down, making by law changes, voting on in December.
- Changing the bylaws for the qualifications of officers, no one meets the requirements, minor verbiage changes, present to Council when final. The change will consist of removing verbiage on the Relief side; loss of one year if you did not meet the FD training requirements. Adding on the FD side: if all trainings requirements are not completed, the result will be removal from the NGFD (liability issue for FD & City).
- Criteria for the Reserves - more clarification is needed, daytime hours, when do you go on calls, more of a formal job description.
- Grass rig is functioning and working well.
- MacQueen did testing on air packs today, compressor is in the near future, trucks will be getting serviced.
- Chris Barlau and Alex Kurtz would like to attend an officer training in Brainard, \$450 a person, plus lodging.
- Jason Frank benefit is this next weekend, Relief made donation last night of \$500, from noon – 5 PM, side street by Park Side in Hamburg.

1. Discussion on the petition for annexation Havenwood LLC (Schroeder Meats). **Mielke moved and Jaeger seconded approving Resolution 2022-20 Joint Resolution of the City of New Germany and Camden Township Pursuant to MN Statues 414.0325 Agreeing to Immediate and Orderly Annexation of an Unincorporated Area to the City of New Germany. The Motion carried. 5/0**

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2. Council watched the video presentation from the Highway 7 Safety Study. Council had discussion on fatal crashes at the intersection of 7/33, the possible idea of rumble strips and lightning was a favorable option.

3. Change the house number of 150 Washington Avenue N to 190 Washington Avenue N. The reasoning for changing is from a rescue stand point; address is out of sequence. **Grove moved and Jaeger seconded approving the address change of 150 Washington Avenue N to 190 Washington Avenue N. The motion passed. 5/0**

4. **Jaeger moved and Grove second approving Resolution 2022-18 A Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the General Election. The motion carried. 5/0**

5. Detachment - Joshua and Rochelle Stenson have submitted petition for detachment of certain land from the City of New Germany. Council had discussion on the petition of detachment. **Grove moved and Mielke seconded Resolution 2022-19 A Resolution to Deny Petition for Detachment of Certain Land from the City of New Germany. The motion carried. 5/0**

Clay Montgomery sent an email on solar on his land on the east side of County Road 33 going south; Clerk sent Clay the Ordinance on solar in R1, R2 and mixed-use land and solar farm/panels is not an allowed use. Clay then sent an email on what the Council's opinion would be on detachment as he could then do something different than farming on the land. Council has not received any official documents other than an email from Clay Montgomery for possible detachment, the discussion is if Clay decided on a petition for detachment what would be Council's input; Council's opinion is they would take the same stance as any other petition for detachment.

F. SHERIFF'S REPORT: No report.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: done previously

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the CTAS fund balance was \$2,211,458.08 which includes the Investment fund balance. Shirley Jaeger noted that in February the Commercial Club will be meeting to discuss the lighting project at the ball park. **Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approving the Treasure report as printed. The motion carried. 5/0**

I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Jaeger moved and Grove seconded approving the claims in the amount of \$14,910.14. The motion carried. 5/0**

J. WATER SEWER REPORT: no report

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: no report

L. COMPLAINT LOG: No report

M. PW REPORT: Get the old truck ready to sell; put the plow on. Discussion on the room in the public works shed with vehicles, generator, etc.

N. PARKS REPORT: No additional report.

O. MAYORS REPORT: No report.

P. CLERKS REPORT:

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- Part time office Assistant: Jane Diers started today.
- October 13th, 6 – 8 PM Head Election training at Chaska.
- Carolyn Effertz dropped off some vintage baseball uniforms and they are upstairs in the storage area in a gray plastic bag.
- December 31, 2022 full rental of the City Hall.
- Herald Journal West Carver Community Guide Ad – **Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded approving to advertise in the Herald Journal West Carver Community Guide (same ad as last year). The motion carried. 5/0**

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council wages and updated Ordinance was chosen.
2. Grove wanted to discuss the music on the patio ordinance and violation/complaints received from Fat Boyz loud music this past patio season. Ordinance is clear; no amplified music on the patio, permit only. Turnquist noted we always follow up on the official complaints and if someone complains this is when Council needs to take action, need to be consistent on following all the ordinances. Grove noted the rest of the bars are worried on the impact of loud music at Fat Boyz. All bars can only have acoustic music and will need to do a special permit if they would like other music or anything that uses amplifiers on their patios in the future. After much deliberation it was decided it is the Council's oath to uphold the Ordinances of the City of New Germany, the ordinance will stand as it is with no changes and going forward, permits for any additional amplified music on the patio will be needed, acoustic music is allowed with no permit. Council would like a letter to be mailed out informing all three establishments.

R. NEW BUSINESS: No additional business.

S. ADJOURNMENT: **Mielke moved and Grove seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk