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*CITY OF NEW GERMANY, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – OCTOBER 18, 2022*

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A CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on October 18, 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 Chief Ryan Goede and Chris Barlau, City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were:

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

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

D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the October 4, 2022, minutes, with the correction of location of solar was not county road 30 it was county road 33. The motion carried. 5/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: No items.

F. SHERIFF'S REPORT: Officer Hendrick's presence in the city is appreciated by residents.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Fire Chief Goede was present- would like approval for some battery power tools, trying to eliminate gas powered. Milwaukee potable light/charger, and portable saw \$1445.52 for all the items, would come out of the 2022 budget of \$5,000 for tools. **Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded approving the power tool purchase. The motion carried. 5/0**
- Dane completed Fire Fighter 1, doing hands on field test tonight, will then have Fire Fighter 1 and II. Need to get him fitted for his own turn out gear; MES \$4,263.00 for full set. **Grove moved and Jaeger seconded approving the turn out gear purchase for Dane Wagner. The motion carried. 5/0**
- Turn out gear- looking at purchasing light turn out gear, designed for light duty, not structure related, more for accident scenes, grass fires, etc. Much better for summer, cooler, no regulation on expiration dates like there is on the other turn out gear, light coat and pants \$866. each. November 2 they will be out to size up Dane. **Grove moved and Jaeger second approving 18 sets of light turn out gear at \$866.00 each set. The motion carried 5/0**
- County is programming radios.
- Council and FD had discussions on the rising costs of vehicles, other cities are experiencing supply chain issues with truck orders, price increases.

Officer Hendricks is now present. Council and Officer Hendrick's had brief discussion; ticketed few speeders, talked about stop sign on Park Avenue E.

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the CTAS fund balance was \$2,215,634.97, which includes the Investment fund balance. September bank reconciliation was reviewed. **Grove moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 5/0**

I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Grove moved and Mielke seconded approving claims in the amount of \$14,411.43. The motion carried. 5/0**

J. WATER SEWER REPORT: Water billing tomorrow.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE:

370 Park Street E – water heater, 716 Black Forest Road – anchoring basement walls, 180 Washington Avenue N – reroof, 510 Park Street E -furnace/ac replacement.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Dog complaint, letter sent.

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M. PW REPORT:

- 1994 PW Truck is listed for sale – bids received by November 1 meeting.
- Schedule street sweeping; hopefully for the first week of November.
- Mulching leaves at Parks.

N. PARKS REPORT: Halloween Party October 29, set up the 27<sup>th</sup>.

O. MAYORS REPORT: No additional report.

P. CLERKS REPORT:

- Janitor employment ad comes out in the Herald Journal this Friday, listed on social media.
- Drop off Election equipment on Friday October 21. Public accuracy testing is Tuesday October 25, 10 AM. Elections is November 8 starting at 7 am – 8 PM.
- November - December Three Mad Poppers will have retail store open; enter through the back of the building, hours will probably be posted on door.
- Annexation almost complete, went through invoice for hooking into city water and sewer.
- Next meeting Public Hearing for assessing delinquent utility bills to residents' property taxes for payment.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council Wage Ordinance draft - changed verbiage on the council pay is monthly. Council reviewed.
2. Reported on in clerk's report.
3. 150 Washington address cannot be changed 45 days prior to a general election; will change after election.

R. NEW BUSINESS: no report

S. ADJOURNMENT: **Grove moved and Mielke seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

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