

CITY OF NEW GERMANY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2022

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The regular city council meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor, Steve VanLith with the following members present: Mayor VanLith, Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, (arrived at 7:20 PM) Thomas Mielke and Kevin Grove. Audience members were Ryan Goede, Fire Chief.
- B. CITIZENS PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **On motion by Kevin Grove, second Thomas Mielke and passed accepting the Agenda as printed.**
- D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **On motion by Shirley Jaeger, second Thomas Mielke and passed accepting the Council Minutes of November 1 as printed.**
- E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Canvass election results. **On motion by Kevin Grove, second Thomas Mielke and passed to accept Resolution 2022-24 "A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING ELECTION RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 8, 2022 FOR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL".** Steve Van Lith was reelected as Mayor of New Germany and Kevin Grove and Thomas Mielke were reelected to a four-year term as City Council Members.
- F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief, Ryan Goede was present to go over some of the changes that the Fire Department is recommending to the City Council.
- On Article 1, Section 2, insert 3rd Captain and eliminate Lieutenant 2nd and 3rd.
 - On Article 1, Section 3 add "A special election can be held upon resignation or termination of any elected position at any time.
 - On the page entitled "Captain" "minimum requirements for captain are: # 2 change to five (5) years of structural firefighting experience with any department
 - Eliminate # 6 entirely.
 - Eliminate all duties in regard to Lieutenants
 - On "minimum requirements of Assistant Chief: # 1 change to seven (7) years of structural firefighting experience with any department.
 - #2 eliminate Captain and change to "any Officer".
 - On the page entitled "Chief" change the minimum qualifications for Fire Chief should read "A minimum of ten (10) years of firefighting experience with any department.
 - #2 Instead of reading "Captain" should read "an officer"
 - Eliminate # 6.
 - Termination of Membership Should be added "Failure to meet the training requirements of the New Germany Fire Department".
- Council discussed these changes with Chief Goede and asked any questions. Chief Goede stated These changes had been brought to the Fire Department in two meetings and will now be voted On at their December business meeting. **Motion by Kevin Grove, second Thomas Mielke and Passed to recommend to the New Germany Fire Department to accept their changes that they Have made to their by-laws.**
- G. SHERIFF'S REPORT: Nothing
- H. TREASURER'S REPORT: Council reviewed the reports as printed. Balance is at \$2,222,652.34. **On motion by Kevin Grove, second Thomas Mielke and passed accepting the Report as printed.**
- I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **On motion by Kevin Grove, second Thomas Mielke and passed to pay all bills as presented for payment.**
- J. SEWER AND WATER: Nothing
- K. BUILDING PERMITS: None

- L. COMPLAINT LOG: None
- M. PUBLIC WORKS: Old truck has been sold to the highest bidder, he came in and paid cash for the truck. Monies were returned to Public Works Equipment Capital Fund. We have had some light snow in the last days, Steve tried out the new truck and blade. Worked good and he is learning all the new tricks of the trade on the new truck
- N. PARKS REPORT: Santa will be in town on Saturday morning December 3 with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Commercial Club. Christmas lights will be hung on Saturday, November 26 beginning at 1PM.
- O. MAYOR'S REPORT: Nothing
- P. CITY CLERK REPORT: Nothing
- Q. OLD BUSINESS: Elections are now done so the address can be changed to 150 Washington St. Discussion was held as to the fees for city hall rental. At present we are at \$500 for both levels and \$300 for one level. **After discussion and comparing to area hall rentals was decided on motion by Kevin Grove, second Thomas Mielke and passed to go with \$400.00 for one level, \$600.00 for both levels and damage deposit raised to \$500.00, extra day is to be left at \$100.00.**
- R. NEW BUSINESS: None
- S. MOTION TO ADJOURN: **On motion by Kevin Grove, second Thomas Mielke and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted

Shirley Jaeger
Taking Minutes in the absence of City Clerk