

CITY OF NEW GERMANY, COUNCIL MINUTES – DECEMBER 20, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on December 20, 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, and City Engineer Justin Black. Audience members present were:

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Mielke moved and Grove second approval of Agenda with the addition of Resolution 2022-31. The motion carried. 5/0.**

D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **Grove moved and Jaeger second approval of the December 6, 2022, minutes. The motion carried. 5/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Torte Insurance – Do not waive option. **Turnquist moved and Grove second the do not waive option for the Torte liability coverage. The motion carried. 5/0**

2. Justin with SEH was present to discuss the general engineer services for 2023 for the City of New Germany, same as last year \$6,000, any additional projects SEH will submit a proposal. **Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approving the 2023 Master Service Agreement for SEH. The motion carried. 5/0**

3. Resolution 2022-28 Designating the Polling Place for 2023. **Jaeger moved and Mielke second approving Resolution 2022-28. The motion carried. 5/0**

Resolution 2022-29 A Resolution Approving the 2023 Meeting Schedule. **Mielke moved and Jaeger second approving Resolution 2022-29, 2023 meeting schedule, with the change of no Council meeting on February 7, 2023. The motion carried. 5/0**

Resolution 2022-30 A Resolution of Transferring of funds, FMP yearend transfers into the capital fund accounts. **Jaeger moved and Grove second approving Resolution 2022-30. The motion carried. 5/0**

F. SHERIFF'S REPORT: Monthly report was reviewed.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: no report.

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the CTAS fund balance was \$ 2,493,912.04 which includes the Investment fund balance. Clerk went through funds received; Insurance dividend \$2,490.00, Carver County Road Maintenance \$11,092.62, Attorney annexation fee reimburse \$2,863.50. **Turnquist moved and Jaeger second for the Clerk to pay any additional 2022-year end bills. The motion carried. 5/0**

Turnquist moved and Jaeger second approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 5/0

I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Grove moved and Mielke second approving claims in the amount of \$17,660.45. The motion carried. 5/0**

J. WATER SEWER REPORT:

Resolution 2022-31 Resolution Authorizing PFAS Cost Recovery Program Registration, Council had brief discussion on what can cause PFAS contamination, City Attorney prepared Resolution. **Grove moved and Jaeger second approving Resolution 2022-31. The motion carried. 5/0**

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE:

- Furnace – 320 Park Street E

L. COMPLAINT LOG: none at this time.

M. PW REPORT:

Steve had a few issues with the truck this past week; plow not lifting up, low on fluid. A salt/sand vibrator is needed for the ice/salt container. Salt/sand mixture was delivered when it was raining, it is not going through the sander/salt container, keeps clogging, a vibrator is needed to help with the settling of the salt/sand product in the sanding container, should have 50/50 salt and sand. Discussion on use of

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sand and salt. Quote for Rec Tech for the salt/sand vibrator \$471.57, installed. **Jaeger moved and Mielke second to purchase the salt/sand vibrator for the public works truck. The motion carried. 5/0**

N. PARKS REPORT: Annual treasure report was provided to Council.

O. MAYORS REPORT: No report.

P. CLERKS REPORT:

1. Discrepancy on the Waste Management charges for the increase compost bin fees, city attorney agreed we should only be paying \$500, increases are only on the residential side. Waste Management now agrees to the \$500.

2. Reviewed the 2022/2023 Holiday schedule for the City Office; Closed on December 26, 2022 and January 2, 2023.

3. Hall Rentals for 2023 – 4 booked so far.

4. May 15-17, 2023 is the IIMC Conference in MPLS, usually this conference is out of state; Clerk will be attending.

5. Clerk vacation January 30 – February 7, 2023. No Meeting on February 7th, 2023.

6. PERA – legislation is proposing in 2023 changes to be impact in 2024. As of now it is \$5,100 annual threshold for part time workers. The proposal would be \$425 per month, PERA benefits would be implemented for all part time employees. If this passes, we will need to plan accordingly into the 2024 budget.

7. Clerk went through upcoming bond payments; December 31, 2022, there will be 2 auto payment; \$39, 134.00 all Water bond. Sewer (40%), Water (60%) bond payment is \$198,451.25. The next bond payments will be January 3, 2023 \$74,575.00 this bond is FD SCBA equipment \$31,350. Payment of \$43,225.00 will be paid from debt service (levy) account for the general obligation bond 2020A. The other payment on January 3, 2023 is for the 2021A bond \$114,400.00; 37% comes from the Sewer fund, 34% comes from the water fund, and 29% comes from the Debt Service fund (levy). This is why New Germany has high utility rates and not enough residents to spread the debt over to lower the rates (growing pains).

Q. OLD BUSINESS: None at this time.

R. NEW BUSINESS:
Carver County Tourism discussion.

S. ADJOURNMENT: **Turnquist moved and Grove second to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk