

CITY OF NEW GERMANY, COUNCIL MINUTES – JANUARY 17, 2023

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on January 17, 2023 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, Asst Fire Chief Chris Barlau, Fire Chief Ryan Goede, and Eric Roepke with Parks. Audience members present were:
- B. CITIZEN COMMENT: There were no additional comments from the audience.
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Jaeger moved and Grove seconded approval of Agenda, with the addition of Resolution 2023-03. The motion carried. 5/0.**
- D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the January 3, 2023, minutes. The motion carried. 5/0**
- E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:
1. Outstanding Indebtedness report was reviewed.
2. Resolution 2023-03 FD 2022 Budget Surplus to be placed in the FD Truck and Building Capital Fund \$12,5511.41. **Grove moved and Mielke seconded approving Resolution 2023-03. The motion carried. 5/0**
- F. SHERIFF'S REPORT: Jan 18-20, covering night hours, due to training schedules.
- G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:
Chief Goede and Asst Chief Barlau were present to provide Council with FD report.
Gaming donation – not as much donated in 2022 to the FD Capital Fund.
Future purchases – mustang suits (cold weather gear), electric equipment, pressure washer, hose drying rack, storage capabilities, and additional radios.
If staying in the station; remodel the office/bathroom area, one bathroom (unisex), getting plans together for upgrades.
Delegating more items to officers; all officers that are in a paid position will be getting more involved and will be assigned tasks.
Overhead garage door for 2023.
No updates on the truck chassis, thinking 2024. Move up any of our smaller purchases for 2023.
Started billing for the car accidents, sent two out for nonresident accident calls; received one payment year to date.
Reserve program numbers in the Fire department; FF who are retired, work, live in or close to the city for daytime calls. Right now, it is retired firemen coming to calls who do not attend continuing training classes. Council suggested that requirements be put in place and approved by the city attorney for adoption.
Record retention schedule for documents in Fire Garage; Clerk will give them copy.
Asst Chief Barlau will be attending all meetings with Chief Goede; learning the process.
- H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the CTAS fund balance was \$ 2,117,294.56 which includes the Investment fund balance. **Turnquist moved and Grove seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 5/0**
- I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded approving claims in the amount of \$25,962.53. The motion carried. 5/0**
- J. WATER SEWER REPORT:
 - Backflow preventer is being repaired.
 - 4th Quarter report available for review.
- K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 220 State Avenue; hot water heater.
- L. COMPLAINT LOG: none at this time.

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M. PW REPORT: Van Lith reported he took out a stop sign with payloader. Eric Roepke will help Van Lith fix tomorrow. Residents are pushing their snow into the streets, across the streets; there is state statues to prevent this type of action with penalties.

N. PARKS REPORT: Eric Roepke reported on the baseball park poles Waconia has available for purchase. Waconia was to get Eric a price and they did give a verbal; Eric requested a written quote for documentation, written quote was \$3,400. We have the lights for the baseball park, these are the galvanized poles that we need to mount the lights (some poles are 80 ft poles). Kway trucking will haul them for \$500, after spring road restrictions. Plan is to get the poles, unload by city shed, remove all the climbers, baskets, weld flanges and brackets. Kevin Horsman will bring poles into the baseball park, swing poles over the fence, the process would then consist of auguring holes, attaching lights, pour concrete with rebar, set poles, run power, most likely will be a fall project. Council would like a prioritized list of the park light pole project from Roepke. Council had discussion and the result was: City will pay for the poles out of the Parks Capital fund.

State Tournament – pushing for July, weekend of July 29, 30, 2023, Commercial Club will discuss.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Van Lith explained to Council on National news a small town in Arizona is having water availability issues, hauling water in; water bill is higher than their mortgage payment.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Finishing year end reports. Auditor here next week; Monday and Tuesday. Sidewalks not being shoveled to the east; send letters.

Q. OLD BUSINESS: No additional business.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Lock needs to be fixed in the downstairs men's bathroom. Turnquist will draw up plan for men's downstairs bathroom for a unisex, replace sink, add partitions. In the future get a committee together and come up with a prioritized list for hall and other building repairs; workshop.

S. ADJOURNMENT: **Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk