

CITY OF NEW GERMANY, COUNCIL MINUTES – MARCH 7, 2023

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on March 7, 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, Thomas Mielke and Kevin Grove, absent Ty Turnquist. Others present were City Clerk – Twyla Menth, Fire Chief Ryan Goede. Audience members present were none.

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Jaeger moved, and Mielke seconded approval of Agenda With the addition of Resolution 2023-03. The motion carried. 4/0.**

D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: February 21 Council Minute correction of Turnquist was absent vote was 4/0 not 5/0. **Jaeger moved and, Mielke seconded approval of the February 21, 2023, minutes, with correction. The motion carried. 4/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. **Jaeger moved and, Mielke seconded approving the Fire Department Commercial Club soft drink license. The motion carried. 4/0**

2. **Jaeger moved and, Mielke seconded approving the Fire Department and Commercial Club liquor license. The motion carried. 4/0**

F. SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Kamerud and Officer Wollin will be attending the March 21 Council meeting.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Goede present – Fire Dept will do the Easter Bunny drive around.

Mustang suits are in.

Dustin O'Brien – leave of absence for 6 months, FD approved recommend to the city as of March 6.

Jaeger moved and, Mielke seconded approving the requested leave of absence of Dustin O'Brien on the Fire Department's recommendation. The motion carried. 4/0

17 fire fighters, Travis Kubasch is retiring in June.

Water softener in the FD station needs to be replaced, holding off for now as there is some other maintenance items. Soffit on the station is rotten, gables need painting, will do bids on maintenance free; FD will get quote.

Researching quote on garage doors.

Looking for approval on eliminating old cabinets, get pallet racking on the east wall, get rid of 60 ft hose rack, get everything off the floor, get totes and everything organized, quote from MES \$2,232., plus \$325., for shipping. Uline \$2500.00, quote consists of 4 x 2 x 7 cabinet for medical, etc. 8 x 8 ft pallet racking with 3 shelves. Chief Goede explained plans for alterations in the FD garage.

Grove moved and, Jaeger approved the cabinet/racking/dryer for the fire station. The motion carried. 4/0

Chief Goede was curious on why it was being questioned on how many units Camden has 234; Camden requested.

March 27, Med Compass physicals.

Arrest in the burglary at liquor establishment – charged with a felony. They are checking into restitution for the stolen funds.

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the CTAS fund balance was \$2,155,640.97 which includes the Investment fund balance. **Mielke moved and, Grove seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 4/0**

I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Grove moved and, Mielke seconded approving claims in the amount of \$15,775.49. The motion carried. 4/0**

J. WATER SEWER REPORT: Quality Flow quote \$6,290.00 for lift station pump controller.

Grove moved and, Jaeger second approving the quote of \$6,290.00 for the lift station pump controller. The motion carried. 4/0

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K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: no update.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Black Forest resident is complaining that the snow is not being pushed back from curb to curb. Snow is rock hard, would need to blow into the city street, if you do one street, they all need to be done.

Grove commented, he does not know how Steve has been doing the city by himself, he helped with the bobcat blower, and it is a two-man job.

Complaint Outcome – review snow removal policy, and possible hire additional help for the future. It is a huge responsibility. Will need to be a budget item for 2024.
2022-2023 snow season has been an abnormal year.

M. PW REPORT: Discussion on snow, plow truck and need different tires for next year, sander working well.

Sign Steve up for the Carver County weed class.

Will need help for the seasonal summer mowing months.

N. PARKS REPORT: Jaeger supplied Council with Commercial Club minutes and treasure report.

O. MAYORS REPORT: No additional report.

P. CLERKS REPORT:

Ehlers has completed the Municipal Secondary Reporting – Continuing Disclosures annual report for the 2020 A and, 2021 A Bonds.

March 8th and 9th at the Capital for the wastewater project.

Clerks Conference (MCFOA) St Cloud, March 22-24, 2023.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Employee reviews – Mielke conducted employee review via email, emailed his comments for the Public Works and the City Clerk; table Turnquist is present to discuss wages.

R. NEW BUSINESS: Currently nothing to report.

S. ADJOURNMENT: **Grove moved and, Jaeger seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. The motion carried. 4/0**

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk