

## CITY OF NEW GERMANY, COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 4, 2023

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on April 4, 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, Fire Chief Ryan Goede, Asst Chief Chris Barlau. Audience members present were Joe Lemmerman, Russ Rolf.

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Minutes should be March 21, not April 4 as listed on the agenda. and add the workshop, minutes to the agenda. **Mielke moved and, Jaeger seconded approving the agenda with changes. The motion carried. 5/0.**

D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **Jaeger moved, and Grove seconded approval of the March 21, 2023, minutes. The motion carried. 5/0**  
**Jaeger moved and Grove seconded approving the March 21, Hall Workshop meeting minutes. The motion carried. 5/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Car Show – Russ Rolf (Fat Boyz) and Joe Lemmerman (T-Road) were present to discuss the options for hosting a Car Show in New Germany. All liquor establishments in the city would be involved, allowing alcohol in the designated mapped area. They would like to allow alcohol to be taken out of their establishments. Lemmerman reported Carver County will approve a permit on their land, need City approval. Lemmerman has the full application; April 5 is the deadline for the Carver County application. Permit allows them to use the County land and city approval is needed for an additional 3 blocks in the city, does not include the tar parking lot across from Heimey's. Use all the grass area for spectator parking, put the cars on the shoulder of county road 30, permit from Carver County allows parking east to west. Lemmerman has given Carver County their liquor license, certificate of insurance for liquor liability. June – September, Thursday evenings would be the dates for the car/bike show. Council questioned who is in charge, Lemmerman stated they will have a leader of the group who will manage the car/bike show, Lemmerman said he is the contact as of now. Turnquist said a special permit will need to be filled out with a map of the area and where the alcohol will be, garbage cans, clean up, etc. Fill out the special permit and if there are any issues the special permit will be revoked.

Following conditions and or stipulations that will be added to the Special Permit for the Car/bike show.

- Garbage clean-up by 9 pm.
- Hours: 5 PM – 9 PM, set up starts at 4 PM, alcohol may be consumed in the designated mapped area from 5 PM - 9 PM.
- Map of the area (Adams Avenue to State Street), abide by the ordinances.

In the event of violation, city will revoke the permit.

- No careless/reckless driving (squealing, burnouts, etc.).

Council is in favor of the car show, with alcohol if they fill out the Special permit and abide by the conditions/stipulations of the special permit.

2. Carver County Public Hearing notice for Henning Excavating CUP permit – land use application with Carver County; Council has no issues.

F. SHERIFF'S REPORT: Turnquist went to Watertown Council meeting regarding regionalization of Sheriff Department; reported to Council.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Chief Goede report – tanker, chassis is being built in Brandon, South Dakota. They decided to waive the 1% increase on account of honoring original contract.
- County would like to change the protocol on the weather warning sirens for the upcoming summer season, still time to give input. New protocol would consist of sirens discharging when 70 mph wind or higher, and baseball size hail, in addition to tornado warnings. When new protocols are implemented by the County, make information available to residents.

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- Training on electric vehicles, hybrids, alternative fuels, according to Chief Goede we have a property that should be inspected. One battery can take up to 30,000 gallons of water to put out. Chief Goede explained what they must do as a department on these new electric vehicles, & hybrid vehicles.
- Paid out for car accidents – paid on both.
- Update on Fat Boyz theft, plead guilty, Relief Association will hopefully get restitution.
- Relief funds – 2022 SVF fiscal year \$635,584.37 in the pension account; down \$193,000 on account of payouts and market rates.
- Water softener replacement - \$1250 – Ron Eiden, **Grove moved and, Mielke seconded approving the water softener replacement. 5/0**
- Quotes on garage doors – 4 quotes back, 1 had no openers, 1 was too high. Twin City Garage door \$30,915.00 plus \$750 R/18 insulation value on all 6 doors = \$31,665.00, 24-hour service, lowest quote. Chief Goede states the doors are a big issue. Twin City door is the only one that got back to Chief Goede.
- Station roof – roofer thought the roof needed replacement sooner than later; no hail damage from LMC report. Turnquist brought up shingle restoration instead of reroofing. Council discussed tin verses steel roof and doing the fascia/soffit, fascia and soffit are rotten.
- Chief Goede went through the list, and they will need to prioritize the projects.

### **Jaeger moved and, Grove seconded the FD garage door quote. The motion carried 5/0**

Chief Goede will get numbers so we can get solid quotes and prioritize FD projects.

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the CTAS fund balance was \$2,159,214.47 which includes the Investment fund balance. **Grove moved, and Jaeger seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 5/0**

I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Mielke moved, and Jaeger seconded approving claims in the amount of \$16,254.55. The motion carried. 5/0**

J. WATER SEWER REPORT: Well 2 was down, Xcel changed out the transformer, which will also accommodate the future light upgrades at the ballpark.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 271 State Avenue N; basement framing permit.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: no complaints currently.

M. PW REPORT: Grove helped with last snow plowing. Plowing discussion, replace the tires on plow truck with aggressive tires.

N. PARKS REPORT: Easter Bunny this Saturday.

O. MAYORS REPORT: No additional report.

P. CLERKS REPORT:

- Add new Fire truck to insurance.
- Gave report on Diaper Decks in bathroom and the parts needed.
- Schedule quotes for partitions in the downstairs men's bathroom and a different sink.
- Someone to replace the stucco/brick outside of city hall.
- Handicap curb in front of hall received winter damage.
- Get quotes for stationary windows in the upstairs of the hall.
- Ad for seasonal help.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Annual employ reviews

- meeting prior to Council meeting for goal setting.

- Turnquist would like a committee for long range employee planning, and or transition plan for when clerk retires, possibly implementing a deputy clerk so the clerk can mentor this person into the clerk position making it a smooth transition. Establish a pay schedule, making it easier for the future, more people involved; put together a personnel committee, then a workshop. Committee will be Mielke, Grove, Ty can be a workshop so all can attend. Committee shall have a recommendation of wages. Open Workshop will be April 11, 5:30 PM.

2. Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance –

- Council had a discussion on car show, amplified music and all events will require a Special Permit going forward.

**8:56 pm Jaeger motioned, Turnquist seconded extended the meeting. The motion carried. 5/0**

- Council went through stipulations for the car show and the procedure for the special permit. Council made changes to the Special permit and this permit will be used for any events going forward.
- Discussion on Baseball club strong beer license. Council needs to extend & amend the current ordinance from 3 to 6 alcohol license allowed in the city by ordinance and or Resolution.

Jaeger brought up the history boards that are all laminated, as the future for the hall moves forward, we need to think about displaying some of the history of the city. Council should think about how we can display the history.

S. ADJOURNMENT: **Grove moved, and Mielke seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

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