

CITY OF NEW GERMANY, COUNCIL MINUTES – FEBRUARY 21, 2023

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on February 21, 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 – Turnquist. Others present were City Clerk – Twyla Menth. 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. The motion carried. 5/0.**
- D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **Jaeger moved, and Grove seconded approval of the January 17, minutes with the correction in section N. City will pay for the poles. The motion carried. 5/0**
- E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:
1. 2022 Audit – Sara Oberloh the City auditor went through the 2022 Audit with Council. **Mielke moved, and Grove seconded approving the 2022 Audit as presented. The motion carried. 5/0**
During the audit there was a discussion on the city applying for credit card verses a debit card; debit card was cancelled. Discussion on Investment account; possible adding funds to the investment account.
 2. Resolution 2023-04 – **Jaeger moved, and Grove seconded approving Resolution 2023-04, Resolution Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of New Germany on behalf of its City Attorney and Police Department. the motion carried. 5/0.**
- F. SHERIFF'S REPORT: Schedule change; Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday 6 AM - 6 PM, every other Saturday.
- G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Goede presented Mayor Van Lith with a 41-year service award.
- Mustang suits – replace the old suits; 4 suits at \$877 each plus shipping. **Grove moved, and Mielke seconded approving the mustang suit purchase. The motion carried 5/0**
 - FD is in the process of getting quotes for garage doors, openers, possible tracks bids from 4 companies, looking for a company that has 24-hour service.
 - Organize a CPR awareness class for the fire district they cover. Not a certification, just awareness, \$10 a head and the Relief will cover the expenses, send invites out, free of charge, sign up sheet, groups of 60.
 - Clerk will check with Steve Flaherty on state reimbursement process.
 - Class last night/training.
 - FD is still reviewing information pertaining to the Reserve fire fighters training rules/regulations.
 - 2024 Township fire contract numbers are complete.
 - New Tanker - Delivery in July of 2023, goes to Brandon, SD sometime in June.
 - Recent burglaries at liquor establishments, Relief lost \$13,000 in pull tab money. Another burglary this past Sunday at one of the liquor establishments. It has been reported that other liquor establishments in the area have also been experiencing burglaries, mostly after pull tabs.
 - Active shooter classes April 15,22 and 29th in Jordon.
 - March 4, Diamond Back dance presented by Fat Boyz, the FD will be doing a fundraiser selling burgers.
 - FD has another fund raiser of selling flowers through Gerten's.
 - Donkey Ball will be at this year's Annual FD Ball Tournament, along with food truck and other activities for the kids.
- H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the CTAS fund balance was \$2,152,864.62 which includes the Investment fund balance. January bank reconciliation was reviewed. **Mielke moved, and Jaeger seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 5/0**
- I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Grove moved, and Jaeger seconded approving claims in the amount of \$19,355.51 (paid 2/03 -2/21), \$47,735.86 (paid 1/18 – 2/2, no mtg 2/7/23). The motion carried. 5/0**

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- J. WATER SEWER REPORT: WTP repairs completed.
- K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 270 Broadway Street E – Teller alterations.
- L. COMPLAINT LOG: no complaints.
- M. PW REPORT: Henning's opened the drain in the alley by Ron Eiden. Few water issues from the rain and frozen storm drains.
- N. PARKS REPORT: Meeting Monday night; February 27, 2023. Commercial club would prefer the FD drive around and hand out Easter baskets, worked great, everybody gets a bag.
- O. MAYORS REPORT: nothing further to report.
- P. CLERKS REPORT:
- Pull tab worker reported they fell on ice by Hall.
 - Ehlers report – refunding any of the bonds would not generate any significant savings.
 - Frontline purchased extra sirens for \$600., what we paid for them. Funds were used from the general, placed funds back into the general fund.
- Q. OLD BUSINESS: none mat this time.
- R. NEW BUSINESS:
1. Hall workshop after regular meeting on March 21.
 2. Employee review; Tom will send some dates.
- S. ADJOURNMENT: **Grove moved, and Jaeger seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk