



CITY OF NEW GERMANYS - CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 6, 2023 – 7:00 PM

1. Opening Items

Call meeting to Order – Mayor Van Lith 7 PM.

Present; Mayor Van Lith, Council Members – Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Thomas Mielke and Kevin Grove.

Others in attendance – Fire Chief Ryan Goede, Fat Boyz owner Russ Rolf, City Clerk Twyla Menth.

2. Approval of Agenda

Consider Approval of Agenda – **Jaeger moved and, second by Mielke. The motion carried. 5/0**

3. Public Comment Period

Open Public Comment Period – Comments are limited to 5 minutes. - No public comments.

4. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of May 16, 2023 Council Minutes.
- Consider Approval of May 30, 2023 City Council Workshop Minutes.
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment; \$130,542.78.
- Consider Approval of Financial reports.
- Consider Adoption Resolution 2023-05 Recognizing National Pregnancy & Infant Awareness Day.
- Consider Resolution 2023-06 Carver County Community Development Agency Community Growth Partnership Initiative Grant.
- Consider Resolution 2023-07 Authorizing the City Clerk to file an Application with the MN Management & Budget Office for the Purpose of Wastewater Facility Improvements.
- Acknowledge Sheriff Report for the month if applicable – no report this meeting.
- Acknowledge Building permits – none for this meeting.

Motion by Jaeger and, second by Mielke to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried. 5/0

5. Old City Business

- Special Permit
 - Fat Boyz – Council reviewed the special permits submitted by Fat Boyz for music on the patio. Council and Russ Rolf discussed the ordinance pertaining to decibels for the music venues on the patio. Turnquist went through the noise ordinance 92.37. Rolf agreed to the time change on Saturday to 3:30 PM – 7:30 PM for a trail, Rolf also is looking at repositioning the stage for music on the patio. Turnquist noted that Fat Boyz is in control of their own destiny, they are the only ones that can make it successful. Rolf noted he wants to work with Council and do good things for the community. Council agreed they all need to work together to make it work for all. Rolf mentioned they are doing a fund raiser for the Fire Department this Friday.
 - **Grove moved and, second by Mielke approving special permit dates of June 10, June 11, June 18, 2023. The motion carried. 5/0**
Rolf will attend the June 20 meeting for approval of additional special permits and review how the June approved venues went.
 - Procedure - going forward a special event permit is needed for each event was the decision of Council.
- Complaint Procedure – city procedure for Council to take action on a complaint; the complainant needs to fill out the official city complaint form. Here say and or gossip is not an official complaint.

6. Officers'/Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report by Chief Ryan Goede:
 - Travis Kubasch retired 06/05/2023, Fire Department recommends Council accepts resignation (21 years).
Jaeger moved and, second by Grove approving Travis Kubasch retirement. The motion carried. 5/0
 - Relief donated for a water roller for Parks, approximately \$892 plus shipping.
 - Relief Donated for \$8,000 to the Baseball project.
 - Garage doors are in, functional need to be wired.
 - Fire Department hiring signs have been placed around town.
 - Going to area businesses, asking if any of their employees would join the Fire Department, this would help for daytime coverage.
 - Update on Pull tab theft from Fat Boyz, attended hearing, an extension was asked for from the thief, letter from the State Gambling Board, FD negligent as the safe was not bolted to the wall. All bars have bolted safe as of now.
 - Fat Boyz doing a fundraiser for FD; FD also has a walk through for fellow Fire fighter.

- Legion room – Council had a discussion on the space and FD using. Council suggested they work together with the Legion.

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- *Public Works Report* – VanLith reported 1 applicant was received for the part time position and it was not filled out correctly.
Jaeger moved and, second by Turnquist not to accept application until it has been filled out correctly, and then it will be Van Lith's decision. The motion carried. 5/0
- *Sewer/Water Report* – ac fan switch replaced in the control panel by the water tower.
- *City Clerk Report* –
 - Need to go to Home Depot and pick out city hall carpeting and flooring for entry way for a complete quote. Bunny suit is ready for pick up, will do all on the same day.
 - Lady fell off swing in park do to seat not properly fastened, went out and fixed the swing.
 - Disputing diaper deck parts charges; ordered in April, not received, left voicemails, no response.

7. New City Business

- *Met Council Report* - Met Council letter as of April 1, 2022 the estimated population of New Germany is 475 people, 202 housing units, household average size of 2.554 persons per household.
- *Carver County Public hearing* – June 7, Carver County Government Center, 7 PM for a public hearing to consider the application from Joe White, BH Aggregate Services Inc, representing Jean F Buening Revocable Trust and Robert & Jenifer Weerts for a variance. If variance is approved BH Aggregate Services Inc to apply for an IUP permit to expand a gravel mine within 50 ft of two parcels. Council had no comments.
- *Juneteenth Holiday (employee handbook change)* – no action, Personnel Committee will review on June 13, 5:30 PM.
- *Rural Service District* – no changes, Eric Roepke parcel is the only one in RSD.
- *City Complaints* – no complaints as of this meeting, no action taken.

8. Mayor/City Council Reports

- Councilmember Shirley Jaeger – (Parks) Girls' teams are struggling with hiring umpires.
- Councilmember Ty Turnquist – Personnel Committee workshop is June 13, 5:30 PM.
- Councilmember Thomas Mielke – no comments.
- Councilmember Kevin Grove – no comments.
- Mayor Van Lith – no comments.

9. Adjourn City Council Meeting - Mayor Van Lith adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM. The motion carried. 5/0

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk.