

CITY OF NEW GERMANY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 16, 2023

- A. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor, Steve VanLith with the following members present: Kevin Grove, Thomas Mielke, Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist and Steve VanLith.
- B. CITIZENS PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: On motion by Thomas Mielke, second Shirley Jaeger and passed accepting the Agenda as printed.
- D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: On motion by Thomas Mielke, second Kevin Grove and passed accepting the Council Minutes of May 2, 2023 as printed.
- E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: There were several bids in the packet in regard to street repairs; however, the only representative present was Jerry Van Dyke from Barga, Inc. The roads on the schedule for this year are Adams, Jefferson, Washington, Park St. E., Broadway to the south, Lincoln, Mound, Monroe, Camden and Manning. Was noted that this bid of \$58,913.40 did not include 62<sup>nd</sup> Street. Jerry recommended doing a replay which last longer and is more effective. It will last five to nine years longer. Barga also double fills cracks. The Council felt that 62<sup>nd</sup> Street absolutely needed to be done this year. Jerry said he would go out and check the needs and come back to the meeting with a bid. Jerry did return within a half hour and said if he would get the job he would include 62<sup>nd</sup> street for an additional \$2000.00. On motion by Ty Turnquist, second Kevin Grove and passed to accept the bid from Barga for a total of \$60,913.40. Jerry was told to get us on their schedule.
- F. SHERIFFS REPORT: Was included in Council packet.
- G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Goede noted that the Ridgeview Ambulance Service will be moving out the end of May, they are going to stay at Mayer in between calls. The fire department would like to move their meeting room to the Legion room upstairs of the hall. We will ask the Legion if they are okay with this move. They could then be doing monthly reports and any other activities that need to be done by the fire department and not have to get a key to the Council room. With the move of Ridgeview, the van can now be stored in the fire barn again. They need to order four more radios and have applied for a grant to help with this purchase. Ryan was wondering can we purchase the radios before we know if we got the grant or do we have to wait for that decision. City Clerk will check on this. The department had a house barn on May 5 where the rear intake seal was not working, hose was also not working as it should. Hoses should be replaced every ten years. Pera account is doing well. Discussion was held on getting Knox Boxes for commercial buildings. The boxes would need a key that only the fire department has and the key to the business is in the box to get in in case of emergencies. Chief will do some research on this.
- H. TREASURER'S REPORT: The Report showed a balance of \$2,181,963.76. On motion by Ty Turnquist, second Kevin Grove and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed.

- I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Total of claims for this period amounted to \$10,918.38. On motion by Tom Mielke, second Kevin Grove and passed to pay the claims as presented.
- J. SEWER WATER: None
- K. BUILDING PERMITS UPDATE: None
- L. COMPLAINT LOG: None
- M. PUBLIC WORKS: Steve had met with Justin from SEH in regard to water and rough surface in the alley. Justin stated that the water has to be taken care of first before any road work should be done. He is estimating \$125,000 to \$150,000 for all road repair. We would need an easement to run a pipe to the street possibly by the post office and ASAP Machine. Was also noted that if we get rid of the water, the road would improve. Properties could be assessed for this project, public hearings would also be needed. Two new step ladders will be ordered. Was found that a lot of standing water was down at Lindstrom Park around the horseshoe area, volleyball court and parking lot. Possibly from a drain tile, will need to look at this and make repairs as needed. As of now, one person has applied for the seasonal employment position. He will be given an application and if accepted, then the next step would be a background check before hiring.
- N. PARKS: Mens softball starts next week, youth girls the first week of June.
- O. MAYORS REPORT: None
- P. CITY CLERK: Water shutoff notices were mailed out on May 16. Door hangers will be put out on May 25, shut off date is May 30.
- Q. OLD BUSINESS: Fat Boyz have submitted a Special Event Permit to have patio music starting the first weekend in June and going all summer both weekend days. Long discussion followed. This would not be the description of a "Special Event Permit". On motion by Kevin Grove, second Ty Turnquist denying the event permit as it is presented for outdoor music. Vote taken on motion: Kevin Grove—Yes, Thomas Mielke—Yes, Shirley Jaeger—Yes, Ty Turnquist—Yes, Steve VanLith—No.
- R. NEW BUSINESS: Was thought that maybe in 2024 we go to a fall cleanup day, might be more beneficial for residents. The spring cleanup was an average day.
- S. Ty noted that we need to continue with getting personnel structure in order. We need to also think about this at budget. Should there come a time when public works or city clerk could not perform their duties as needed, we need to have a plan in place. Was decided to have another workshop on Tuesday, June 13 at 5:30 PM.
- T. ADJOURN: On motion by Kevin Grove, second Thomas Mielke and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Shirley Jaeger

Minutes taken in the absence of the city clerk