

City of New Munich
City Council Minutes

August 2, 2021

The City Council of the City of New Munich met in regular session at 6:30 p.m., in the City Hall. Elmer Boecker, Ron Doll, Shawn Duevel, Sandy Zierden and Kurt Thelen were present.

On a motion by Ron Doll, seconded by Sandy Zierden, minutes from July 5, 2021 were approved.

Fire Chief, Allen Fiedler reported there was 1 medical and 1 fire call this month. Hydrants will be flushed as scheduled. September 11 is Fire Safety Day. Will be held at the Albany High School. ISO will be doing a survey on September 2. They do them every 5 years. Submitted 2 bills this month. Dues to Stearns county for the Fire Chief and Alex Air. \$587.50 payment was received for the fire at the Poepping House.

Waste/Water Operator, Tom Valerius reported the inspection on the water tower went good. The interior is looking good and the outside might need some attention in the next few years. Tom brought up how to bill the new shed in town being built. Talked about what type of meter to install. Shed will not be heated in winter at this point. Council decided to go with a new meter for the shed. Tom also brought up if council would like to look into some water restrictions. Town wells are 39 to 40 feet deep and have dropped 2 feet on the water level. Recovery time is still good at 5 minutes. Were pumping 80 to 90 thousand gallons per day for usage and now down to 40 to 50 thousand gallons per day. Water draw was done for lead and copper testing. Sandy made a motion to go to an odd and even watering system. No second. Motion died. FYI to be put on water bills to Please pay attention to your water usage. City will continue to monitor them. Tom reported on the waste water side the new propellers were done the 26 and 27th of July. Ponds are being affected by the warm weather. The rain we are getting are helping the ponds. The DO is up. Rural water convention is at the end of August. Cost is \$250.00. Sandy made a motion to reimburse Tom for the convention. Ron 2nd. Motion passed.

Ann reported for the Jaycees. Brought bills for Munichfest that needed to be paid before the city festival take place. Levi Pelzer Band and Jim Stueve with the tent.

Two building permits were presented to the city. Josh Blonigan to add a 30x40 basketball court on the west side of his house. Karen and Jeremi Timp to replace shingles, trim, living room window, remove chimney, and expand drive way 6x40 on west side. On a Motion by Elmer and 2nd by Ron building permits passed.

Was asked if Pickle Ball could be played in the park on the basketball court. The council couldn't see why not if the court space was big enough. The bathrooms in the park were also brought up. Sandy is going to talk to Connie Zierden to see if she still wants to take care of them.

Liability Coverage Overview. Council agreed to keep it the same.

LGA funds for 2022. On a Motion by Ron to put the funds into the general account for 2022. Kurt 2nd. Motion passed.

Audit is being wrapped up. Should have the financial statements by the September meeting.

September meeting will be Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm due to Labor Day.

Junk/Unlicensed cars on residential properties. Mayor Shawn will be sending out letters.

250 Liberty Street-Paperwork has been submitted to the court system.

Water Main Project-Once Audit is completed city needs to get a copy to Rural Development Department of Agriculture. It can be emailed to them. Engineers Widseth and SCH are available to meet and come to our upcoming meetings.

Employee Housing Properties-Falls under Rental Agreement and will need the paperwork sent for a rental

500 Liberty Street ran out of water and would like to get put onto city water.

On a motion by Kurt Thelen, 2nd by Sandy Zierden to add the month of May to the summer average for the water/sewer bills. Motion passed.

A resident asked due to a hardship if the city would wave their sewer base until they are able to move back into their home. Ron made a motion, Sandy 2nd. Motion passed0kll

On a motion by Elmer Boecker, seconded by Kurt Thelen and carried the following bills were approved.

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| Albany Telephone | 123.99 |
| Ann Piotrowski | 754.32 |
| Badger Meter | 17.67 |
| Stearns County Fire Chiefs Association | 15.00 |
| Alex Air Apparatus, Inc | 814.00 |
| Gerald Revermann | 106.20 |
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| Gopher State One Call | 9.45 |
| Hawkins, Inc | 825.13 |
| Javanovich, Dege & Athmann | 589.00 |
| James Rieland | 419.57 |
| Nelson Electric | 2580.50 |
| Postmaster | 144.00 |
| Rahn's Oil & Propane | 94.61 |
| Seachange | 23.60 |
| Stacy Funk | 184.70 |
| Thomas Valerius | 652.46 |
| Thomas Valerius | 521.11 |
| Thomas Valerius | 308.08 |
| Minnesota Department of Health | 348.00 |
| Waste Management | 62.57 |
| Xcel Energy | 1210.56 |

On a motion by Sandy Zierden, seconded by Elmer Boecker and carried the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

City Clerk
Ann Piotrowski