

December 4, 2023

The City Council of the City of New Munich met in regular session at 6:32 p.m., in the City Hall. Kurt Thelen, Ron Doll, Courtney Fiedler, Jordan Schmiesing and Sandy Zierden were present.

On a motion by Sandy Zierden, seconded by Ron Doll and carried the minutes from November 6, 2023 were approved.

On a motion by Courtney Fiedler, seconded by Jordan Schmiesing and carried the minutes from November 6, 2023 Public Hearing on Utility Billing were approved.

Fire Chief was absent – Dan Schwieters was present to give report. – No calls. Fire department is wondering if the shed can get a motion detector light put on to it so it will be easier to access and safer at night. Shed keys need to be mastered to the fire hall or the fire department need a key for the main door for city hall. January 4, 9, and 11 is first responder refresher. Lights on north side of town not working. Thinking the timer needs to be replaced. Have had issues in the past with this. Bills were presented.

Waste/Water Operator—Jon Stueve brought up that there we lots of wipes in the north lift station again that had to be cleaned out. Just a reminder to the residents to not flush any wipes even if they say disposable. They are not meant to flush. This costs lots of money for the city to get someone out to clean them out and can damage the equipment. City may have to look at putting in a grinder in the future, though they are expensive. Jon presented his new contract to the council. Jordan Schmiesing made motion on a 3 year contract with a 2% increase per year, 2nd by Sandy Zierden, motion carried and contract approved. Jon expressed his concerns with our city engineer. He said he is willing to help with the map to create them for the older parts of town that don't have maps.

Building Permits – Kluempke Shed was resided due to it had gotten hail damage and was leaking. Forgot to get permit so fine was issued and paid. Had a letter of intent from Becky Schwieters to join the Planning and Zoning committee. Becky came to the November meeting to see what it's about. Sandy made a motion to appoint Becky Schwieters to the Planning and Zoning committee, Courtney 2nd, motion carried.

Steve Worms wanted to thank the city for doing the Veterans Memorial in the park. There are still 30 more pavers to place yet this spring and still need to seed the grass. It was brought up that the sprinkler system in the park will need to be redone now that the road project is completed. Steve just asked to make sure that the water isn't spraying on the memorial and the granite stones.

Stephanie Boecker brought up about the new snow removal contract. Will get it ready for the January 2024 meeting.

Tom Newman was present to ask about the fire hydrant by backwoods plumbing and heating. Will email Dave Blommel to find out about it.

Marvin Meyer was present at the meeting to talk about combining the local trail system to make them all loop together. If this could be done it would be over 100 miles of trails for walking, biking, etc... There is a 21 miles stretch along highway 4 that would need to be completed to make this all possible. Marvin was asking the city if they would be willing to sign a petition to join the trail systems. Sandy Zierden made a motion to sign the petition to join the trail systems, 2nd by Jordan Schmiesing, motion carried.

Mayor Kurt brought up about possibly moving the dead end street sign on 7th Ave E. further down the road. Was brought to his attention that lots of traffic is coming down the road and then turning around and they feel that maybe people are missing the dead end road sign.

Backwoods Plumbing and Heating is interested in purchasing the old Brewery lot possibly. Council came up with a price of \$16,000. Mayor Kurt will speak with him and will go from there.

Brush pile by the lagoon ponds still needs to be burned. Residents and businesses around the area are having rat issues.

New Munich Lions donated \$8,000.00 to the new speed signs that will go up on the north and south ends of town.

Ordinance 2 update—Susan Dege our attorney went through the ordinance and rewrote it. Council members need to review it and see what they think. What they like or dislike.

On a motion by Ron Doll, 2nd by Sandy Zierden and carried the following bills were approved.

AARON HASBROOK	276.00
ALBANY MUTUAL TELEPHONE	125.31
ALEX AIR APPARATUS 2 LLC	5385.82
ALLEN FIEDLER	26.77
ANN PIOTROWSKI	1220.00
ARCE AUTO	205.66
BADGER METER	5.70
COURTNEY FIEDLER	345.00
CUSTOMIZED FIRE RESCUE TRAINING INC	800.00
EFTPS	1214.21
ELMER BOECKER	565.00
ERNST'S LOCKSMITH	200.91
GERALD REVERMANN	70.00
GERALD REVERMANN	15.00
GOPHER ONE	10.80
H2O SMARTEC LLC	2500.00
HAWKINS INC	10.00
JAMES RIELAND	80.00
JORDAN SCHMIESING	810.00
JOVANOVIICH, DEGE & ATHMANN PA	1530.00
JUSTIN KURTZ	23.60
MAYERS INC	72.00
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	52.19
M-R SIGN CO	400.61
NORTHLAND TRUST SERVICES INC (WATER/SEWER LOAN)	22,444.44
OAK ELECTRIC	1473.88
OAK ELECTRIC (VETERANS MEMORIAL)	2093.47
PERA	170.80
RAHN'S OIL & PROPANE	79.63
RMB	104.54

SANDRA ZIERDEN	1140.00
SIGN LAVA LLC	75.00
STACY FUNK	7.00
STACY FUNK	200.00
WORMS LUMBER	831.88
WORMS LUMBER (VETERANS MEMORIAL)	7440.10
XCEL ENERGY	1525.63

On a motion by Sandy Zierden, 2nd by Jordan Schmiesing motion carried the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

City Clerk
Ann Piotrowski