

July 1, 2024

The City Council of the City of New Munich met in regular session at 6:30 p.m., in the City Hall. Kurt Thelen, Ron Doll, Jordan Schmiesing, Courtney Fiedler, and Sandy Zierden were present.

On a motion by Sandy Zierden, 2nd by Ron Doll and carried the minutes from June 3, 2024 were approved.

Others present at meeting: Tom and Sasha Newman. Jim Rieland. Cindy Heinen came to ask where to pay the water assessment. A resident came to see if the city could talk to Bavarian Gardens about their open sign as it's right in the middle of the sidewalk and it's hard for others to get around it.

Fire Chief Al-No calls. Fire department would like to do another gun raffle this year. Need to check with Lions about using their gambling license. Bills-Med Compass for \$1300.00 and fire fighter training classes. Will be 2 separate bills for those. City will pay and then get reimbursed. Also a check from the Lions was presented to the fire department for \$8022.00 for a donation.

Waste/Water Operator Jon brought up that there are still rags, wipes, disposable wipes (which are not disposable for toilets and being flushed). These are plugging up the pumps and costing the city hundreds of dollars each time we have to have someone come out and remove all of this debris from the pumps. Hundreds of dollars will start to add up to thousands of dollars for the city. If grinders are going to have to be installed because this does not stop and continues the city is looking at a huge expense to install these at the pump houses. Pass the word to not be flushing anything other than toilet paper down your toilets. It is also the North lift station that is having the issue. Being the issue is happening at the North end of town. 2 weeks ago had inspection with MPCA of the Ponds and Lift Stations and all went good. No issues.

Building Permits – 4 building permits. Dave Rolfzen-32'x16' Deck, east side of house. Tree of Life-40'x12' screen porch on south side. Tyler Schmiesing-24'x15' concrete apron "L" shape SE side. Matt Goebel-37'x44' attached garage on N & NW, Replace deck on 2nd floor E side, add stairs to back deck W side, Replace shingles on house, Relandscape S side house & add patio or deck., Add sidewalk from S door to patio 15', Add overhang roof with deck W side. Was also brought up that Terry Cole worked on his roof and need to look into when their building permit was actually issued.

New Munich City Signs-The signs on the edge of town ended up getting disposed of due to a lack of communication when the construction of main street was going on. Ron got new bids on signs and they are \$525.00 each for 2 new vinyl signs. Would just have the city of New Munich on them and the Lions Logo. Jordan Schmiesing made a motion to purchase 2 new signs one for each end of town, 2nd by Courtney Fiedler, motion carried.

120 7th Ave E-No one is living at the property and they have an outstanding utility bill with the city. Suggestion was made to shut off the water at curb stop and then the account could be put into inactive status and no more fees would be accruing on the account. If the owner wants the water service turned back on the outstanding bill would have to be paid in full before the service would be reinstated. Suggestion was also made to try to remove the meter from the property for if there is still water in the lines and if there is no heat in the house this winter it could ruin the water meter. Courtney Fiedler made a motion to shut off the water at the curb stop and to try to contact the owner to remove the meter, 2nd by Jordan Schmiesing, motion carried.

Past Due Utility Bills-Will look back to see what steps were taken last year to assess the outstanding utilities to the property taxes again for 2025. There will have to be letters sent and a public hearing will need to be scheduled.

Pay Equity Implementation Report-This is a report that has to be done every 3 years. Just needed to be mentioned at the council meeting that it was going to be submitted to the state here for 2024 and will not be due again until 2027.

Water Assessment Payments-The payments can either be mailed to the PO Box for the city at PO 313 or dropped in the dropped box at city hall. This is the drop box by the door of city hall. Not the box that was put at the edge of the parking lot for the construction. The construction company has been asked to come and take that box away.

Rentals/Rental Inspections-Still working on getting the rental inspections completed. Still have 5 inspections left to complete.

Landscaping of city hall-Still waiting to hear back from the person who was going to get in touch with a boys scout group.

Park Shelter-Mayor Kurt thinks that just painting the posts at the park shelter will be the best option for now. He said he will have some time and be able to get to the park and work on getting them painted.

Bank Lot/City Lot-Jim Hemker from Freeport State Bank had the lot surveyed. The pins for the lots are now in place.

Asphalt on City Streets-Ron made a motion to take 1 load to patch the streets from Burtram Asphalt and start with the bad areas on the side streets and see how far that will get us. Council can decide at future meetings how much more is needed at that time, 2nd by Sandy Zierden, motion carried.

Painting of Curbs on Main Street-Mayor Kurt received a quote for doing full yellow lines through driveways or doing just 3 feet on each side of driveways. The residents that were at the meeting tonight actually thought the full lines through the driveways would be better. Ron Doll made a motion to go with option 1 to paint the full line through the driveways, in front of fire hydrants, curb ramps, No Parking long side of the meat locker, etc, 2nd by Jordan Schmiesing, motion carried.

Junk Cars-Now that the bank and city lots have been surveyed will be looking more into this one all is finalized with the bank lot.

Randy Rasmussen Annexation/CUP-Will be contacting city attorney to see where we are on this.

UEI #-Was finally able to obtain our UEI # from the Federal government which is what was needed for the Small Cities program. Now we just wait to see if New Munich will be awarded the grant come September.

Mayor Kurt wanted to give a huge Thank You to the resident in town who cleaned off the park benches on the east side of the park. Mayor Kurt showed the council before and after pictures. The resident did an amazing job and takes pride in their community.

Jesse Job Rental-Contacted Susan city attorney. She said the city could revoke the rental license and then start fining the owner. Council listed off the violations of the rental property. Tampering with the water meter and then put on backwards. Fires on the county road/main street when construction was going on and would leave them unattended. Was taking ice chucks in and placing in neighbors driveways and putting candles in them. Putting steel on the side of the garage. Putting steel on the roof of the garage. Courtney Fielder made a motion to have our city attorney send a letter to Jesse Job the

owner of the property that is the city has to talk to the tenant again about violating city ordinances the city will be revoking his rental license, 2nd by Ron Doll, motion carried.

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

ALBANY MUTUAL TELEPHONE	125.29
ANN PIOTROWSKI	1250.00
BACKWOODS PLUMBING & HEATING	183.45
BADGER METER	19.70
CUSTOMIZED FIRE RESCUE TRAINING INC	1500.00
EFTPS	498.68
GERALD REVERMANN	60.00
GERALD REVERMANN	115.00
GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	9.45
H2O SMARTEC LLC	2550.00
HAWKINS	897.20
JIM RIELAND	476.00
MED COMPASS	1300.00
MINNESOTA FIRE SERVICE CERTIFICATION BOARD	252.00
MINNESOTA PUBLIC FACILITES AUTHORITY	29052.68
MINNESOTA REVENUE	73.10
OAK ELECTRIC	142.00
PERA	175.00
RAHN'S OIL & PROPANE	107.12
RMB	113.91
SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON INC	1794.93
STACY FUNK	225.00
WEST CENTRAL SANITATOIN	161.76
JOVANOVICH, DEGE & ATHMANN	67.50
XCEL ENERGY	1064.75

On a motion by Jordan Schmiesing, 2nd by Sandy Zierden motion carried the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

City Clerk
Ann Piotrowski