

March 4, 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 Jordan Schmiesing, seconded by Ron Doll and carried the minutes from February 5, 2024 were approved.

Others present at meeting: Steph Boeckers, Bruce and Doris Samuelson, Tom and Sasha Newman, Steve Worms, and Denise Klaphake.

Denise came to ask the council about wanting to redo her garage/shop into living quarters. Is selling her house to her niece and would like to make it a "mother-in-law" or guest quarters. Would hook up the water/sewer from the house to the garage so no separate hookups. Due to her health issues is the reason she is looking to do this. Council suggested start with going to the planning and zoning with plans and dimensions first.

Fire Chief Al was present—1 medical call. Not much else going on. Waiting on reimbursements from the submissions last months from the trainings and Chiefs convention. Clerk Ann said she would let Fire Chief Al know when she sees them come through.

Waste/Water Operator Jon was present-State inspection on well house-passed. Had to vent the well house. Had never done that before. Will be discharging the ponds early this year due to the nice weather. Jon asked if we had heard if the new house in Munich Acres had asked about their water meter yet. He said they must be ready for it.

Building Permits – 1 permit. Dan Schwieters-egress window on northside and widen driveway on the northside 30'x60'.

Engineer Dave Blommel was present. Dave had sent out a memo that was passed along to the council prior to the meeting. The county final numbers have come in for the project. Dave went through the numbers for the council that were on the memo. As to what they were and what they all mean. The memo showed the preliminary numbers and the actual numbers that came in with the final. The numbers actually came in under what was projected at the preliminary hearing that was held before the project started. After some discussion it was decided on 44/57% Split. 57% going to the property owner. This is only for those who own frontage on main with water lines. Council went with a rate of 5.5% for 10 years.

Resolution 3-24-A, Declaring Cost to be Assessed, and Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment, Motion made by Sandy Zierden, 2nd by Courtney Fielder, motion passed. The next steps will be a final public hearing that will be set up later in April.

Earned Safe and Sick Time Policy. City Attorney Susan came up with a policy for the city for the new Earned Safe and Sick Time that has to be offered to all part time employees who work over 80 hours in a calendar year. Fire Chief Al also brought up that the fireman also fall under this policy. Sandy Zierden made a motion to approve the ESST Policy, 2nd by Courtney Fiedler, Motion carried.

Resolution 3-24-B, To Submit SCDP Application. Sandy Zierden made motion, 2nd by Jordan Schmiesing, Motion carried.

SCDP Public Hearing will be March 21, 2024, 6 pm @ New Munich City Hall.

Sale of Property at 101 7th Ave E. City Council has agreed to sell the lot at 101 7th Ave E. to Backwoods Plumbing and Heating for \$16,000. Courtney Fiedler made motion to sell 101 7th Ave E., 2nd by Ron Doll, Motion carried.

Resolution 3-24-C, Sale of 101 7th Ave E.- Jordan Schmiesing made motion, 2nd by Sandy Zierden, Motion carried.

Sewer Service @ 540 Main Street. Owner called city and wants sewer service shut off. There property has a well so there is no way for the city to shut the water off to guarantee that there isn't water being used and going down the sewer. Residents whether you have someone living at the property or not are required to pay the basic hookup fees for the service coming into the property. The only way to disconnect the service would to literally dig up the sewer lines to disconnect them from the house. A letter will be sent to the resident explaining this and that they will continued to still get billed each month for the service.

Resolution 3-24-D, Summer Raffle for Immaculate Conception Parish. Steve Worms was present at the meeting with the paperwork to get signed for the raffle once the resolution was passed. Sandy Zierden made a motion, 2nd by Jordan Schmiesing, Motion carried.

Solar Panels/Farms-Council discussed the solar farms and what the cities rights are. City attorney also had emailed over the county ordinances on the solar farms. They have to be 200 feet from city limits only.

A resident in town is wondering if they can paint lines on the basketball court in the park a different color so the court can also be used for pickleball. Council asked if lines were going to be painted for pickleball could the basketball lines also be repainted at the same time. Jordan Schmiesing made a motion to allow the court to be used for pickleball and have the lines painted, Courtney Fiedler 2nd, Motion carried.

Revised Declaration of Munich Acres-Attorney Susan sent back revised version of the covenants. Council found a few things they wanted to word slightly differently. Made some additional corrections. Will be sending revisions back to Attorney Susan.

Junk Cars-Went through all the emails that Attorney Susan had sent pertaining to the junk cars around town. What the city can do and what the steps are the city needs to follow. A list will be made and letters are going to be sent to residents to start the process. Will try to get pictures of the cars as well if we can with the plates to document if the tabs are expired.

Randy Rasmussen Annexation-Council talked and nothing at this time was any concern to the council. Waiting for Attorney Susan to finish up the joint resolution that will need to be signed with Oak Township. Council will need to have a separate meeting with Oak Township or we can have a representative at our April meeting. Susan is also working on the paperwork to withdraw the CUP agreement and to grandfather Randy in with his chicken and shooting of guns on his property.

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

ALBANY MUTUAL TELEPHONE	125.32
ANN PIOTROWSKI	1250.00
ANN PIOTROWSKI (SUPPLIES)	143.12
BADGER METER	5.70
CENTRAL MINNESOTA HOUSING PARTNERSHIP	2000.00
ERNST'S LOCKSMITH	139.08
GERALD REVERMANN	100.00

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H2O SMARTEC LLC	2550.00
HAWKINS	10.00
JON STUEVE	154.13
JOVANOVIH, DEGE & ATHMANN PA	1890.00
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	332.00
RAHN'S OIL & PROPANE	67.01
SCHLENNER, WENNER & CO	625.00
SHORT ELLIOT HENDERICKSON, INC	3116.00
STACY FUNK	225.00
STEARNS COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	74.00
XCEL ENERGY	672.23

On a motion by Courtney Fiedler, 2nd by Sandy Zierden motion carried the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

City Clerk
Ann Piotrowski