

July 3, 2023

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

On a motion by Sandy Zierden, seconded by Jordan Schmiesing and carried the minutes from June 5, 2023 were approved.

Fire Chief Al Fiedler was absent.

Waste/Water Operator, Jon was absent but had a report prepared for meeting.

- Everything has been going pretty smooth, the complications with the construction on main street have slowed way down which is nice. They are hooking up the new force main to the north lift station within the next 2 weeks which will be nice and hopefully eliminate a lot of the alarms/call backs we get which is about 6 to 10 a month at the moment. Like I said earlier that I believe it is due to the old force main being pretty built up with junk creating too much head pressure on the pumps in the lift station. I believe everyone is hooked back up to the new water main now eliminating temp water. Roger and I are coordinating a plan to replace the bad valves at the pond system. Currently there are 12-inch valves for the RIBS and that is way overkill so we will be reducing the bad one down to most likely a 6- or 8-inch valve which will save the city a substantial amount of money (\$3000+)
- Otherwise, if anyone has any questions or concerns by all means give me a call @320-333-8904 and I will answer them to the best of my ability.

Building Permits – Kathy Wolbeck-New Home 59'x58', driveway 26'x50', cement pad west side of garage 12'x58', patio south side 21'x20', sidewalk 8'x25' northside, cement pad westside 5'x25. Dan Schwieters-Reshingle shed. Roger Boecker-Replace cement driveway 33'x24' and front patio 8'x20', steps and sidewalk, add sidewalk 4'x35' northside of garage to back door, replace 2 access doors on garage and front door on house. Elmer Boecker-Replace driveway 15'x30'. Scott Thelen-Pour concrete pad 26'x26' westside of building. On a motion by Jordan Schmiesing to approve the building permits, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elmer Boecker, motion carried.

Council discussed the pool permit for Josh Poepping. After much discussion motion was made by Jordan Schmiesing to approve the permit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy Zierden, motion carried. A refund will be issued for \$10.00 to Josh for the permit does not qualify for an emergency permit.

Dave Blommel was present to go over the county road 12 project through town. Cost wise the project is finishing up where we bed. Not going over. City's portion is wrapping up. Some of the complaints #1- Garbage Collection, #2-Dust, #3-Access to residents driveways. Dave will contact the contractor on the issues. If any issues please let be known and will pass along to Dave. There will be more bills coming from the county.

Jim Rieland—Bathrooms in the park. Who is taking care of them? Who is going to be unlocking them and locking them up?

Ray Painter--Was there to ask about the garbage service in town.

Stephanie Austing—Will be hosting the 2018 class reunion at Bavarian Gardens in August. Looking to get some sort of permit or having someone come in so they are able to have alcohol at the event. Sandy Zierden made a motion to approve a 1 day off site alcohol license for the group that would be coming in to serve at the event for Bavarian Gardens, Jordan Schmiesing 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Matt and Cindy Heinen—came to ask about redoing and expanding their driveway being it's going to be torn up partially anyways with the construction going on. Sandy is having them draw up a plan to what they would like to do and will get a building permit form filled out and will take to the next planning and zoning meeting.

Matt Goebel—present to listen to updates

Josie and Brian Thull—present to listen to updates

Resolutoin 7-23-A Authorizing Sale of 212 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave E. Motion made by Sandy Zierden, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jordan Schmiesing, motion carried.

Mayor Kurt Thelen is going to talk to Backwoods Plumbing and Heating to see about having the water fountain removed from city hall.

Mayor Kurt Thelen brought up from our caretakers of city hall since half of the flower around the flagpole have already been taken out from the construction would it be possible to just remove the rest of them and not have the flowers around the flagpole. Council was okay with removing the flowers but would keep the flowers along the building.

Ordinance 65 is not having junk vehicles in yards. Parked vehicles need to have a current registration and tabs on them not to be considered junk vehicles. Mayor Kurt is going to hand deliver some letters with the ordinance to residents in town.

Automatic shut off meters and high water bills. Jon Stueve sent over the contact for the City Clerk for Cold Spring for City Clerk Ann to ask questions on how to access the high water and sewer bills on the taxes this coming fall. This can only be done once a year in November. Will also talk to Jon about returning the automatic shutoff meters.

Randy Rasmussen CUP agreement—What choices are we giving him and time frames to respond and begin the process of what route he chooses. How far back can we charge him for our fees/costs? Will email attorney Susan and ask these questions.

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

ALBANY MUTUAL TELEPHONE	129.70
ANN PIOTROWSKI	1000.00
EFTPS	339.03
GERALD REVERMANN	115.00
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GOPHER ONE	20.25
H2O SMARTEC LLC	2500.00
HAWKINS	635.23
JIM RIELAND	144.00
JOSH POEPPING	10.00
JOVANOVICH, DEGE & ATHMANN, PA	520.00
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	41.19
MN PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY	29,196.46
PERA	140.00
RITEAWAY BUSINESS FORMS	229.85

RMB	124.54
SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON, INC	41331.40
STACY FUNK	200.00
STEARNS COUNTY HIGHWAY	371,904.29
WEST CENTRAL SANITATION	157.38
XCEL ENERGY	1387.49

On a motion by Sandy Zierden, seconded by Jordan Schmiesing motion carried the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

City Clerk  
Ann Piotrowski