

November 6, 2023

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, Courtney Fiedler and Sandy Zierden were present. Jordan Schmiesing was absent.

On a motion by Ron Doll, seconded by Sandy Zierden and carried the minutes from October 2, 2023 were approved.

Fire Chief was present—1 powerline down call. 1 medical call. Turned in payroll for the year. Chief's convention \$850.00, city will get reimbursed. AI-reimbursement for hotel rooms. Burn pile now waiting for some snow. \$4000.00 grant from Compeer Financial-looking at purchasing a blitz ground monitor. The public safety aid of \$16753.00 will be coming in December. Maybe a washing machine for turnout gear. Need to figure out where else to spend the money on. Looking for suggestions. As for now the Christmas lights can not go up. Xcel energy said not to putting them back up on the poles.

Waste/Water Operator, Jon was absent. Emailed over report. Ponds have been discharged and ready for winter, all valves function properly now. 1 more sample will be taken at New Munich Meats before year end to satisfy the significant industrial user agreement we have with them. Still looking for some updated maps for the water and sewer lines. Contract expiring at the end of the year. Hope city is happy with the services and will continue with us moving forward. He will have his proposal ready for the December meeting and hopefully will extend the contract.

Building Permits – None.

Josie Thull asked about water/sewer bills work when selling. The 15th of the month is the cut off. Before the 15th the month goes to new owner. After the 15th the month goes to the seller.

Susan Dege our city attorney was present at our meeting.

Davel Blommmeel—Final payment will be after the 1st of the year. January or February for the final assessment. Talk to Jon with the manganese in the water and will work with the USDA to update wells. Well house in touch shape. Let Dave know if we see any issues. Dave will walk the council through the process of the assessments. New maps of main street not a problem. Old waterline maps would need help with these.

Dusin Switters—Small Cities Development Program was present to talk more about the program. Dustin went over more about what the program is. Looking to see what the city would be willing to put towards leverage funds for the programs/projects. Right now looking at 10 to 15 single family homes. Sandy Zierden made a motion for \$8000.00 for leverage funds for the small cities program, 2nd by Courtney Fiedler, Motion carried.

Class Action Settlement Regarding Public Water Systems-Water resources that were affected and we were a phase 1 city. Jon said our testing has been looking good. Sandy Zierden made motion to stay in the 2 class action lawsuits, 2nd by Courtney Fiedler, Motion carried.

2023 Annual City Report Noxious Weed Control—Courtney Fielder made motion to pass the report with Kurt Thelen as the weed inspector, 2nd by Sandy Zierden, Motion carried.

Randy Rasmussen CUP Agreement-Randy wants to pull his land into Oak Township to solve and eliminate some of the issues going on. City does not want to go this route. Gave Randy some other options. The firing of firearms was also brought up and talked about. Discussed his chickens as well if he were to bring his smaller parcel into the city. Attorney Susan suggested to Randy to have his attorney speak with her and see what they can work out.

Resolution 11-23-A – Unpaid Utility Bills – Courtney Fielder made motion to approve resolution, 2nd by Sandy Zierden, Motion carried.

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

ALBANY MUTUAL TELEPHONE	125.31
ALLEN FIEDLER	1600.00
ALLEN FIEDLER	818.96
ANN PIOTROWSKI	1000.00
BACKWOODS PLUMBING & HEATING INC	123.55
BADGER METER	5.70
BRYAN BRICKWEG	300.00
CRAIG DOLL	1960.00
DANIEL SCHWIETERS	564.00
EFTPS	1199.33
GERALD REVERMANN	70.00
GERALD REVERMANN	76.00
GOPHER ONE	12.15
H2O SMARTEC LLC	2500.00
HAWKINS INC	1425.87
JAMES RIELAND	192.00
JERON VANDREHLE	420.00
JOVANOVICH, DEGE & ATHMANN PA	630.00
JUSTIN BOECKER	108.00
KAREN TIMP	492.00
KURT RITTER	636.00
LEAGUE OF MN CITIES INSURANCE TRUST	2038.00
MATTHEW HEINEN	384.00
MIKE SAND	372.00
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	332.00
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	41.19
MINNESOTA STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC.	850.00
NICHOLE LECLAIRE	360.00
PERA	140.00
POSTMASTER	168.00
RAHN'S OIL & PROPANE	91.11
RAMLER TRUCK & TRAILER SERVICE	309.05
RMB	477.38
SHORT ELLIOTT HENDERICKSON-SHE	560.00
STACY FUNK	200.00
STAR PUBLICATIONS	80.19
STEARNS COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC.	15.00
STEARNS COUNTY HIGHWAY	718.37

THOMAS NEWMAN

384.00

XCEL ENERGY

2802.04

On a motion by Ron Doll, 2nd by Sandy Zierden motion carried the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

City Clerk
Ann Piotrowski