



**CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MEETING/2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP
MINUTES
JULY 11, 2023 – 5:30 PM**

1. Opening Items

Call meeting to Order – Mayor Van Lith 5:30 PM

2. Approval of Agenda

Consider Approval of Agenda – Turnquist moved, and Jaeger second approving agenda. The motion carried. 5/0

3. Public Comment Period

Open Public Comment Period – Comments are limited to 5 minutes. Joe Lemmerman owner of T-Road was present to discuss closing county road 30 from State Avenue to Adams during the car shows. County has approved, notify Sheriff Dept and Fire Dept. Joe will try and get barricades from the County for the road closure, notify residents on the other streets of increased traffic during road closure.

Jaeger moved, and Turnquist second approving the road closure from State Avenue to Adams Street. The motion carried. 5/0

4. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment.

Turnquist moved, and Jaeger second approving consent agenda. The motion carried. 5/0

5. New City Business

- 2024 Budget –

- Fire Chief Goede reported the latest hearing outcome on the pull tab theft; possible getting paid for the theft. State Gambling is requiring Relief to pay back the funds, may need an internal loan from the City to do so, until the money is received from the courts.

Jaeger moved, and Mielke second granting the Relief/Fire Department to use the FD capital funds if needed to pay the State of MN Gambling Association for the pull tab loss. The motion carried. 5/0

- Relief donated \$8,000 to Parks for Baseball Light project.
- National Night Out items have been purchases; went a little over budget.
- Discussion on ice machine – **Grove moved and Mielke second approving a budget of \$2500 for the top ice unit, if the top unit is more expensive, will revisit at next meeting, ice machine would use existing bin. The motion carried. 5/0**
- FD reviewed 2024 budget, made changes accordingly. Discussion on options of the FD budget, roof needs, and soffit and fascia for the FD building.
- Council went through the 2024 Budget made increases and decreases as needed. Discussion on projects, wants and needs.
- Council reviewed the correspondence from Ehlers on reinvesting funds that are maturing; revisit next meeting with additional information and or options.

- Misc. City Items

- Discussed cannabis and if the city should consider a moratorium until further research can be completed. City will start the procedure for a moratorium ordinance at the July 18, Council meeting.
- City Complaint on bull thistle – issue resolved.

6. Adjourn City Council Meeting – **Grove moved, and Turnquist second adjourning the meeting at 8:15 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**