



**CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA  
AUGUST 15, 2023 – 7:00 PM**

**1. Opening Items**

Call meeting to Order – Open Public Hearing, Mayor Van Lith 7 PM.

Present: Mayor Van Lith, Council members Jaeger, Turnquist and Grove, absent was Mielke.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Consider Approval of Agenda - **Jaeger moved and Turnquist second approving agenda. The motion carried. 4/0**

**3. Public Comment Period**

Open Public Comment Period – Comments are limited to 5 minutes.

Joe Lemmerman – T-Road was present to discuss the special permit stipulations and or restrictions for Oktoberfest, special permit approved, Council informed Joe Lemmerman they will need to follow the noise ordinance pertaining to decibels, as this will be enforced. Joe went through entertainment schedule for Oktoberfest, will be grilling food, tent 40x80 or 40x100, band in the tent by the message board, Joe continued explaining the event, and also noted any volunteers for the event would be appreciated.

**4. Consent Agenda**

- Consider Approval of August 1, 2023 Council Minutes.
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment.
- Consider Approval of monthly & regular Financial Reports
- Consider approval of Fat Boyz September special permit – September 9,16,23 bands 5-9 PM.
- Consider approval of 2024 Prosecution contract.
- Consider approval July Sheriff report.

**Jaeger moved and, Grove second approving the consent agenda. The motion carried. 4/0**

**5. Officers' /Department/Staff Reports**

- Fire Department Report – recommend to reinstate Dustin O'Brien September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from his leave of absence. **Jaeger moved and, Grove second approving reinstatement. The motion carried. 4/0**
  - Chief Goede explained Information on public safety aid \$20,439.
  - Chief Goede explained the FD can receive a donation of a fire suppression tool, worth a \$1,000, reduces heat, the donation program is called the Freemason's program that donates tools.
  - Next court date of August 21 for Fat Boyz theft, if no resolution in court, the FD will need to borrow the funds to pay the state in October, borrow from the capital fund or the City.
- Water/Sewer – meter reading September 18.
- Public Works – trees will be removed tomorrow in Lindstrom Park, need to have the stumps grinded, should we replace the trees, possible place the swing set, then place the play equipment back in place.
- Clerk Report – Need to bring Election equipment to the county this week for serving, will go to Home Depot for Hall flooring quote as long as I am in the area. Jane not in the office the rest of the week.
  - Researching and implementing the funds into the 2024 budget for the new law of Employee Sick and Safe time, needs to be implemented by January 1, 2024. ESST; accrual starts after working 80 hours, 1 hour of ESST for every 30 hours worked, up to a maximum of 48 hours per year, Accrual is backdated to the first day of employment, hourly rate of ESST is the same rate an employee earns from employment, employees must use ESST as it is accrued, needs to be tracked, and on the employee pay stub. Working on a spreadsheet with the formulas to track ESST.
  - PERA has changes; started in July, anyone that earns \$425 per month, now needs to be reported to PERA, includes Council, not volunteer Fire Fighters at this time.

**6. Old City Business**

- Public Hearing – Mayor Van Lith closed public hearing at 7:45 PM.



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- Amend Ordinance No. 120, Amending Chapter 100 Regarding number of Alcoholic Beverages license. Publication/ amendment will be Resolution 2023-11.  
**Turnquist moved and, Grove second approving the amendment of Ordinance 120. The motion carried. 4/0**
- Adopt Ordinance No. 121 An Interim Ordinance Prohibiting The Sale, Testing, Manufacturing, Cultivating, Growing, Transporting, Delivery, And Distribution Of Cannabis Products In The City Of New Germany.  
**Jaeger moved and, Grove second approving Ordinance 121. The motion carried. 4/0**

- Misc. – no additional business.

**7. New City Business**

- Agenda pulled items – none.

**8. Mayor City Council Reports**

- Councilmember Shirley Jaeger – Possible done with games.
- Councilmember Ty Turnquist – as new laws are adopted, updates will be needed for the Personnel Policy, and other policies as needed.
- Councilmember Thomas Mielke – absent.
- Councilmember Kevin Grove – no comments.
- Mayor Van Lith – no comments.

**9. Adjourn City Council Meeting – Grove moved and, Turnquist second to adjourn Council meeting at 7:56 PM. The motion carried. 4/0**

Respectfully submitted by Twyla Menth, City Clerk/Treasurer