



**CITY OF NEW GERMANYS- CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 – 7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Van Lith, Council Members; Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Thomas Mileke, and Kevin Grove. Others present; City Clerk Twyla Menth, Jessica Hedin with SEH, Joe Lemmerman with T-Road, and Fire Chief Ryan Goede.

1. Opening Items

Call meeting to Order – Mayor Van Lith 7PM

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Public Comment Period

Open Public Comment Period – Comments are limited to 5 minutes

Joe Lemmerman – Car Show special permit to extend until September 28, 2023. **Jaeger moved and, Mielke second. The motion carried. 5/0** Joe Lemmerman gave an update on Oktoberfest, October 20-21, 2023; Jim Strehlke will be playing from 7 pm – 10 pm on Friday night, from 10 PM – 12 PM. Jim would like to play the movie Hermantown. **Jaeger moved and, Mielke second approving the movie night. The motion carried. 5/0**

They will need to use the power pole closest to that area for electricity, check with Eric Roepke on setting things up, take a meter reading before and after the event.

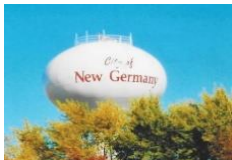
4. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of August 15, 2023 Council Minutes
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of monthly & regular Financial Reports
- Consider approval of Rollin Car Show through September 28, special permit

Mielke moved and, Grove second approving the consent agenda. The motion carried. 5/0

5. Officers' /Department/Staff Reports

- Waste Water Engineer – Jessica Hedin went through the estimate for wastewater predesign activities; Topographical survey, Archeological survey, Soil investigation, Geotechnical report and ground water monitoring. This also places the city in a better position for funding from a bonding perspective. The cost associated with these tests is \$38,497.00, with SITU quote of \$5,197.40, City would pay SITU directly. **Grove moved, Mielke second approving the SEH estimate for the predesign activities. The motion carried. 5/0**
Bonding Bill – we will present to the bonding bill committee on October 10, 2023 at Cologne, 10 AM. Jessica went through the strategy we will be used for presentation. Will continue to pursue other sources of funding, applications for ear marks, keep submitting for funding.
- Financial Advisors – Dan with Ehlers was present to discuss the 3 options for the interfund loan for the new fire truck. All situations the city is paying itself interest. Council had a discussion on the options; option 4A is all interfund loan from the general fund \$290,000, Option 4B is \$200,000 interfund general fund and the rest coming from the FD capital fund, option 4C \$145,000 interfund general fund loan, rest is from the FD capital fund. Council weighed the financial impact on the city and townships, continued discussion with Ehlers. **Grove moved and, Mielke second approving option 4A. The motion carried. 4/1**
Mileke – aye, Grove -aye, Jaeger – aye, Turnquist – aye, Van Lith - nay
- Fire Department Report – Carver County hearing was cancelled for the Fat Boyz gambling funds theft; was to be in August, at this time it is unknown when it will be rescheduled. September 17 is the deadline for repayment to the MN Gambling Association, in the amount of \$11,134.00. Chief Goede questioned if the City would write a check from the FD capital fund to the Relief. Special Meeting on September 12, 2023, 7 PM, if Relief cannot pay.



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- City of Sanborn would like to buy some of the Fire Department old pagers; 10 pagers for \$100 each/plus some chargers for \$1200 (6's style), 8 of the other old pagers (5's style) for \$100 each/\$800. Have a resolution ready for the next meeting and invoice the City of Sanborn.
- No grants this year, any grant funds would have been applied to radios, use the radio budget to purchase what is needed and radio needs will be completed.
- Water/Sewer – push meters out to 2025.
- Public Works – ponds have not been mowed, tall grass, check with farmer to cut down.
Clerk Report – Ehlers financial zoom meeting 9/6 @ 10:30 AM.
Do we need to contact stump buster for the stump removal; check with Ruschmeier if interested.
October 3 meeting Clerk will be absent, Jaeger will take the meeting minutes.
Camden Avenue – family members moving and staying with resident on Camden, shipping container with their items in. Ordinance states 180 days, on impervious surface, Start date is September 5, 2023, removal date is March 5, 2023 (180 days).
Waiting for bid for stucco repair on hall and brick by the bell in front of City Hall.
- Building Permits
715 Black Forest – roof permit
461 Park Street E – remodel (fire)

6. Old City Business

- Misc. – none

7. New City Business

- CDA Grant Agreement – **Grove, moved and, Jaeger second approving the Community Growth Partnership Initiative matching Grant Program \$7,500.00. The motion carried. 5/0**
- Agenda pulled items – none

8. Mayor City Council Reports

- Councilmember Shirley Jaeger – Parks, when are we planting trees, talk with Steve Mielke on the best time. Open bathrooms for Oktoberfest if they are willing to stock and clean them, do not turn water off.
- Councilmember Ty Turnquist
- Councilmember Thomas Mielke
- Councilmember Kevin Grove
- Mayor Van Lith

9. Adjourn City Council Meeting - Mayor Van Lith adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM. The motion carried. 5/0

Respectfully submitted by Twyla Menth.