



**CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA – TRUTH AND TAXIATION PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 05, 2023 – 7:00 PM**

1. Opening Items

Call meeting to Order – Acting Mayor Jaeger called Council meeting and Public Hearing to order at 7 PM. Present; Acting Mayor Jaeger, Council Members: Turnquist and Mielke. Others present: Shelly Eldridge, Jeanne Vogt with Ehlers, Fire Chief Goede, City Clerk Menth.

2. Approval of Agenda

Consider Approval of Agenda – addition of Resolution 2022 and 2023 will be added to the agenda.

Mielke moved and Turnquist second approving the agenda with additions. The motion carried. 3/0

3. Public Comment Period

Open Public Comment Period – Comments are limited to 5 minutes

4. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of November 21, 2023 Council Minutes
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of Financial Reports
- Consider Approval of 2024 Police Contract

Mielke moved and, Turnquist second approving the Consent Agenda. The motion carried. 3/0

5. New City Business -

- Truth and Taxation – Public Hearing
 - Ehlers – Presented the FMP update, Jeanne went through the FMP; 2023-2024 levy decreased 7%. Council and Ehlers discussed where the city should be at for a minimum balance, policy decision for Council. Tax rate is lowering to approximately 71.915%, Jeanne and Shelly continued going through the FMP and capital funds.
Special levy for the fire truck, can leave as is and reduce future years. What is decided tonight is for 2024, future years can be adjusted or changed, 2024 would be final.
 - 2024 Utility Rate Study – Water fund, year 2025 \$100K reserved for water meters. 2024 water rates were to increase by 7%, new utility rate study shows the increase will be 2.5%.
Sewer fund – increase for 2024 was anticipated at 7%, new study shows the increase will be 5%.
Mielke moved and, Turnquist second closing the Public Hearing at 8:10 PM. The motion carried. 3/0
 - Resolution 2023-20 Adopting 2024 Levy – **Turnquist moved and, Mielke second approving the 2024 levy of \$454,996. The motion carried. 3/0**
 - Resolution 2023-21 Adopting 2024 Budget – Clerk needs more time to update numbers with new information from final levy. **Turnquist moved and, Mielke second tabling 2024 Budget until December 19, 2023 meeting. The motion carried. 3/0**
 - 2024 Utility Rate Study – **Mielke moved and, Turnquist second to increase water rates January 1, 2.5%, and Sewer rates increase January 1, 5%. The motion carried. 3/0**
- Approve 2024 Liquor License and 2024 Soft Drink License
 - Fat Boyz – **Mielke moved and, Turnquist second approving Fat Boyz 2024 liquor & soft drink license. The motion carried. 3/0**
 - Heimey’s – **Turnquist moved and, Mielke second approving Heimey’s 2024 liquor & soft drink license. The motion carried. 3/0**
 - T-Road Tavern – **Turnquist moved and, Mielke second approving T-Road Tavern 2024 liquor & soft drink license. The motion carried. 3/0**
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- Resolution 2023-22 – New Germany Baseball club donated \$5827.82 to the Park’s Capital fund for the baseball light project. **Mielke moved and, Turnquist second Resolution 2023-22. The motion carried. 3/0**
- Resolution 2023-23 Designate City Hall as the 2024 Polling Place. **Turnquist moved and, Mielke second approving Resolution 2023-23. The motion carried. 3/0**
- Agenda pulled items - no pulled items

6. Old City Business

- Office phone system – waiting on People Service on information on the Water Treatment Plant & Lift Station alarms. Greg Davis had tax in, lower the bill an additional \$30-40.
- Misc.

7. Officers’/Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report – Fat Boyz court date was postponed. Did not order radios, still figuring out. New Officers: Chief - Ryan Goede, Asst. Chief - Chris Barlau, 1st Capt. - Alex Kurtz, 2nd Capt. - Craig Kahle, 3rd Capt. - Cole Midthun, Secretary - Alex Kurtz. **Mielke moved and, Turnquist second accepting Fire Department recommendation of 2024 Officers. The motion carried. 3/0**
- Water/Sewer – Phase 1 Archaeological Investigation completed.
- Public Works - Salt and sand was ordered, fuel was ordered and delivered.
- Clerk Report
 - December 7 out of office for meeting.
 - 2023 Paid Special assessments - \$5352.80, reported to Carver County.
 - 2023 Insurance dividend payment – should receive this week.
 - Fee schedule – **Turnquist moved and, Mielke second at 9 PM extending the Council meeting. The motion carried. 3/0**
- Building Permits – 480 Park St E, windows/siding

8. Mayor City Council Reports

- Councilmember Shirley Jaeger – Breakfast with Santa free will donation \$1,134.00.
- Councilmember Ty Turnquist – Public Works shed; Jim Clark would be interested in painting.
- Councilmember Thomas Mielke – no report.
- Councilmember Kevin Grove – absent.
- Mayor Steven Van Lith – absent.

9. Adjourn City Council Meeting – Mielke moved and, Turnquist second adjourning the meeting at **9:07 PM. The motion carried. 3/0**

Respectfully submitted Twyla Menth, City Clerk