



**CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
MARCH 6, 2024 – 7:00 PM**

1. Opening Items

- Call meeting to Order -
- Roll Call – Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist Thomas Mielke, Paul Roepke.
Fire Chief Ryan Goede, Asst Fire Chief Chris Barlau, Clerk Twyla Menth. Brent McNally, Matt Tourville with Ehlers.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Consider Approval of Agenda – **Mielke moved and, Roepke second approving the agenda. The motion carried. 4/0.**

3. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of February 20, 2024, Council Minutes
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of Financial Reports

Mielke moved and, Turnquist approved the consent agenda. The motion carried. 4/0

4. Public Comment Period

Open Public Comment Period – Comments are limited to 5 minutes. – no comments.

5. New City Business

- Brent McNally
 - Brett McNally purchased the building to the east of T-Road or previously known as Cliff and Molly's. McNally currently has plans for a coffee shop, smoothies, and ice cream shop. Discussion continued with Council if the building in the rear of the property may be moved, or possible tearing it down; would like this area for a patio. Setbacks will need to be reviewed when plans are available for the area. McNally is remodeling the entire building, will get all the permits needed; discussion continued the outside area, and buildings.
 - Matt Tourville – Ehlers Investment
Investment Portfolio – Matt went through the portfolio and informed council the interest earned for 2023; overall was a good year. Investment world is retuning over 5%, at this time, if nothing changes, federal reserve indicated that interest rates will be cut in the future. Investing money for a longer term is a currently a good option. The city has been investing in short term on account of planning for the Fire Truck & wastewater updates; mostly short-term US Treasury. Matt went through the options of short term and long-term investing. Reviewed a few options for investing funds or Security Bank CD – CD 6 months for 5%. Table until we know more on the wastewater grants.
 - Spartan Fire Truck – March 18 inspection.
- Metro West
 - MN DOLI, Notice of Designation form for building inspector.

6. Old City Business

- Wachholz Masonry quote – discussed the quote and repairs. **Turnquist moved and Mielke second approving the quote. The motion carried. 4/0**
- Office phone system – Invite Lee Ortloff and Greg Davis with Coordinated to the next meeting for final comments.
- Misc.



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7. Officers’/Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report –
 - Musical show September 28, Mitchell Hall.
 - Connex box inside the pw (brown) shed for pull tabs, no more stairs to carry the pull tabs up and take down to dispose of when the retention time is reached, container locked, and secured.
 - Water heater needs to be replaced at the station, leaking (getting quotes).
 - Discussion on Legion room, if the FD should move up there for their own space, discussion on spaces in the hall. Council also discussed shooting sports space and storage they use in the hall.
 - FD would like to look at placing a second serving window in the concession stand or they will need to pursue a food truck or something additional. Council thought the serving window will be a good idea or worth looking into. Council discussed a few other options for an additional building, FD will look at this option.
 - FD is compiling a list of inventory and replacements times in addition to the FD financial management plan. Share this information with Ehlers when FD completes their new inventory plan.
- Water/Sewer
 - SEH updating Wastewater numbers for the bonding bill.
- Public Works
 - Public Works reorganization – reviewed employment ad for Herald Journal.
- Misc –
 - Eric Roepke reported lights are up and working, Great River Energy put the poles up, large crane and boom truck was needed to place the poles. A drone video was done by Eric’s nephew and there are a few dark spots need to go up and readjust lights, next week electrical inspections, needs to order a light for on the back of the grandstand and dug out.
- Clerk Report –
 - Memorial bench is ordered for Steve.
 - Federal grant has passed the House, now to Senate, then to the President for signature.
 - Elections went well, 122 voters with Camden and New Germany.
- Building Permits
 - Siding permit; 471 State Avenue S
 - Roofing/siding permit 206 Camden Avenue S

8. Mayor City Council Reports

- Councilmember Ty Turnquist – nothing additional.
 - Councilmember Thomas Mielke – nothing additional.
 - Councilmember Kevin Grove – absent.
 - PW Employee review
 - Councilmember Paul Roepke –
 - Grates for PW building, \$265. Ice machine and walk in cooler turned off. Paul will be bringing in some supplies for hall.
- Jaeger moved and Turnquist second extending the meeting at 9 PM. The motion carried. 4/0**
- Mayor Shirley Jaeger – Shirley read a thank you note to Council from the Clerk.

9. Adjourn City Council Meeting – Turnquist moved and Mielke second adjourning the meeting at 9:07 PM. The motion carried. 4/0

Respectfully submitted by: _____