



**CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2024 – 7:00 PM**

1. Opening Items

- Call meeting to Order – Mayor Shirley Jaeger called meeting to order at 7:01 PM.
- Roll Call – Mayor Shirley Jaeger, Council Members: Tom Mielke, Paul Roepke, Kevin Grove. Others present: FD Chief Goede, FD Asst Chief Barlau, City Clerk Twyla Menth.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Consider Approval of Agenda – **Motion by Mielke, second by Roepke approving the agenda. The motion carried. 3/0 (Grove not present)**

3. Public Comment Period

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

4. Business items or New Business

- Misc.
 - Nuvera – information on adding channels

5. Officers'/Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report
- Chief Goede reported on road closures due to flooding. Engine 11 certified, Rescue 11 serviced, quotes for tires on tanker 12. Old tanker truck did not sell on gov deals, reserve was not met, option to sell to the highest bidder, or go another round, a person from Northern Minnesota would like to come look at it on Friday. Few options, can pull it, sell it out right, or go to Jeff Martin sale with it. Council thinks we should try the Jeff Martin auction, after the person reviews from Northern MN.
 - Carver County Joint Powers agreement for Data Access – **Motion by Roepke, second by Grove approving Carver County Joint Power Agreement. The motion carried. 4/0**
- Water/Sewer –
 - Jessica Hedin with SEH update on Wastewater – coming July 16, 2024.
 - Black Forest/Hilda fund update – discussion on Black Forest/Hida fund and manhole project; Auditor noted that it could be used for repairs on Hilda and 62nd Street. Will prepare Resolution for next meeting.
- Public Works – Chris Barlau gave his report on thistles that he removed, weeds that he cut and sprayed, working on moving jungle gym. Chris questioned on painting the fire hydrants; flags can also be replaced on hydrants if needed, trimming boulevard trees. Chris would like to create a Public Works Gmail account; Council agreed.
Chris would like to purchase a white board, chain saw, 1/2" impact (can use Kevin's), hand trimmer for trees, stuff for organizing building (shelf), new floor jack, ear plugs, Council would like pricing on the items, before agreeing too. Paul Roepke mentioned with the pole saw you can be by yourself; chain saw requires two people; Fire Department has one that can be used too. Price on hitch for the truck, no hitch for pulling generator.
- Misc – Discussion on playground equipment.
- Clerk Report –
 - June public works payroll was over \$400 allowance for PERA; PERA was paid.
 - Received preliminary settlement from Carver County (first half) \$154,383.51, received \$657 Presidential Primary reimbursement, Hollywood Township paid 2nd payment of FD contract \$32,734.26.
 - Code violations – complaint driven or visual on public works; Council will take the proactive approach on properties and always react on written formal complaints.
 - Schedule carpet cleaning for hall and office.



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Clerk Report Cont'd

- June 18th SEH started the door to door for lead line inventory compliance.
 - Dane Wagner was given an office key for pull tabs.
 - Wachholz will be starting on the brick by bell in the next week; weather permitting.
 - Start with 2025 budget in July, final in August.
 - Healthcare increase – Preliminary numbers were reviewed and discussed; preliminary shows a \$9 increase.
 - Vacation/sick time accrual report was provided.
- Building Permits – Green Meadows reroof, ROW permit Metronet \$400.

6. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of June 4, 2024, Council Minutes
 - Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
 - Consider Approval of Financial Reports
- Motion by Grove, second by Roepke approving the consent agenda. The motion carried. 5/0**

7. Old Business

- Declare Council vacancy – Resolution 2024-09, **Motion by Roepke, second by Grove approving Resolution 2024-09 Declaring a Council Vacancy. The motion carried. 4/0**
- Appoint Council member – **Motion by Roepke, second by Mielke appointing Lorn Hermann to the City of New Germany Council. The motion carried. 4/0.**
- Planning Commission – Council reviewed the recommendation from the City Attorney; provided two options on the Planning commission; will do option 2, have a meeting with Kevin Grove and 2 Council members, let other PC members know.

8. Mayor City Council Reports

- Councilmember Ty Turnquist – remove Turnquist
- Councilmember Thomas Mielke – nothing additional.
- Councilmember Kevin Grove – nothing additional.
- Councilmember Paul Roepke – discussed the lilac tree on the corner of 30/Hilda, Steve Rademacher did trim the lilac tree.
Discussion on Kilbane and where things are at.
Motion by Grove, second by Roepke to grant MacNally the right to the demolish the gazebo, and final transfer of the property will be when the attorney prepares the final documents for recording the deed. The motion carried. 5/0
- Mayor Shirley Jaeger – Shirley Jaeger announced she will run for Mayor 2025-2027.
- Council Member Lorn Hermann – Black Forest Road by culvert has issues; have Hennings look at.

9. Adjourn City Council Meeting – Motion by Roepke, second by Grove to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. The motion carried. 5/0

Respectfully submitted by City Clerk Twyla Menth.