



**CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES/PUBLIC HEARING  
AUGUST 6, 2024 – 8:00 PM**

**1. Opening Items**

- Call meeting to Order – Jaeger 8:04 PM
- Roll Call – Mayor Shirley Jaeger, Council Members: Paul Roepke, Kevin Grove, Thomas Mielke, and Lorn Herrmann. Other staff; Fire Chief Ryan Goede, Public Works Chris Barlau, City Clerk Twyla Menth. Others; Kevin Artmann.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

- Consider Approval of Agenda – Add Resolution 2024-15 Approving 2024 Data Practice Privacy Act, Roepke moved and, **Mielke second approving the agenda with the addition of Resolution 2024-15. The motion carried. 5/0**

**3. Public Comment Period**

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

FD doing a dance September 28, 2024, Mitch Hall, Johnny Cash Tribute band. They want to do fireworks after the dance, 8 PM shoot, 7-minute show of fireworks, Lindstrom Park parking lot of the old tennis court or horseshoe pit, not shooting anything bigger than 2” diameter. Dan Mielke will fill out the application for the fireworks. Fire Department would like the rental fee waived.

**Grove moved and Mielke second approving waiving the hall rental fee & fireworks presentation. The motion carried. 5/0**

**4. Business items or New Business**

- Blight compliance issues – Kevin Artmann is working on cleaning up his items from the blight letter he received.
- Special Permit – Fat Boyz (patio music). **Mielke moved and, Herrmann second approving the Fat Boyz patio music special permits for the month of August. The motion carried. 5/0.**
- Misc.

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

- Fire Department Report – Tanker did not sell, had a high bid, person called from Arizona and made an offer and would pick up September 3, other option is to wait until the Jeff Martin sale.
- Water/Sewer –
  - Quarter reports – reviewed.
- Public Works – Chris drove around with Jerry with Bergen on crack repairs; Black Forest (5), Park Street (4), Hilda (3), 62<sup>nd</sup> (26). Council had a discussion, first check with Dennis Henning will be repairing the manholes. Bring back to Council at next meeting, put on Old Business. Sign for Lindstrom Park, rough looking, Chris will check out the posts and report back. Mulch around all the trees, like it was done on the boulevard trees; Paul will research mulch options. Getting a quote for the new bobcat bucket, smaller bucket with a ball hitch just about snapped in half; Paul and Lorn suggested a different option. Computer upstairs bring to city shed. Shirely questioned if the ice rink could be an option this year.
- Misc
- Clerk Report
  - Budget meeting August 27, 7 PM. Send out information prior to meeting and a meeting reminder.
  - Baseball lights – PIO insurance, increased to \$150K – in claims
- Building Permits – none to report

**6. Consent Agenda**

- Consider Approval of July 16, 2024, Council Minutes
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of Financial Reports
- Resolution 2024- 13 Small City Assistance to PW Seal Coat fund
- Resolution No. 2024-15 Resolution Approving 2024 Data Practices Act Policy Revisions  
**Mielke moved and, Grove second approving the consent agenda. The motion carried. 5/0**



## **7. Old Business – Open Public Hearing 8:50 PM by Mayor Shirley Jaeger**

- Planning Commission
    - Ordinance No. 125 – appointing the Council as the Planning Commission for the time being, or until there is more interest for new Planning Commission members. **Roepke moved and, Mielke second approving Ordinance No. 125. The motion carried. 5/0, all ayes.**
    - Resolution 2024-14 A Resolution appointing chair, secretary and members of the Planning Commission. **Grove moved and, Roepke second approving Resolution 2024-14. The motion carried. 5/0, all ayes.**
- Close Public Hearing – Mayor Jaeger closed the Public hearing at 8:55 PM.**

## **8. Mayor City Council Reports**

- Councilmember Kevin Grove – nothing additional.
- Councilmember Thomas Mielke – Thomas is on vacation August 20.
- Councilmember Paul Roepke – nothing additional.
- Councilmember Lorn Hermann – nothing additional.
- Mayor Shirley Jaeger – Bob Van Lith approached Mayor Jaeger and explained the Van Lith family would like to do some type of donation to the Parks in memory of former Mayor Steven Van Lith; Council can think about and come up with some ideas for the Van Lith family.

## **9. Adjourn City Council Meeting – Grove moved and Mielke second adjourning the meeting at 8:57 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted by City Clerk, Twyla Menth.**