



**CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2024 – 7:00 PM**

1. Opening Items

- Call meeting to Order – Mayor Shirley Jaeger called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.
- Roll Call – Mayor Shirley Jaeger, Council Members – Kevin Grove, Paul Roepke and Lorn Herrmann, absent was Thomas Mielke. Others present were Fire Chief Ryan Goede, Public Works Chris Barlau. Guests - Scott Wakefield with the MN United Snowmobilers Association, Ron Wischnack with New Germany Baseball, Jennifer Ray of Chanhassen.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Public Comment Period

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

Jennifer Ray introduced herself and explained her concerns of Election party balance with absentee voting at Carver County. Jennifer also gave Council a brief description on the absentee voting process.

4. Business items or New Business

- Dutchman Baseball – Ron Wischnack was present to bring up Baseball Park improvements, they would like dug out and screening improvements. They are also wanting to add artificial turf & drain tile to home team dug out and right field, no cost to city. **Herrmann moved and Jaeger second the Baseball improvements as discussed. The motion carried. 4/0,**
- SW Trail – Scott Wakefield with Carver County Snow runners and was present to receive permission from the Council for the use of the Dakota Trail for snowmobile use, this is the second year. Snowmobile trail route will be the same as last year, Scott would also like a copy of the approved minutes showing Council had no issues with. Council had no issues with snowmobiles using the same route as the previous year.
- Truth & Taxation Hearing – December 3, 7 PM. **Motion made by Roepke and, second by Herrmann to hold the Truth and Taxation public hearing on December 3, 7 PM. The motion carried. 4/0**
- Misc. – no additional information.

5. Officers' /Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report – Chief Goede reported that the tanker has been sold for \$5K. Waiting on check, when check is received the truck will be released.
- Water/Sewer – no report.
- Public Works – Chris reviewed the manhole covers on Lincoln Avenue. Questioning if gutter guards can be purchased for Lindstrom building. Painted the Fire Hydrants. Quotes for the new bucket – Lanos \$2200, Hecksel \$1570 these prices are for the same 80" size bucket. Quote for the hitch for the truck is from Lanos for \$395. Chris would also like to change the fuel barrel over to gas.
- **Grove moved and Herrmann second approving the purchase of the 80" snow bucket from Hecksel and hitch attachment from Lano's. The motion carried. 4/0**
Chris reported the Lindstrom Park sign needs complete replacement – wait till spring.
- Misc – no report.
- Clerk Report – Clerk was not present.
 - Budget meeting August 27, 7 PM
 - Elections report
- Building Permits – 150 Broadway St E, mechanical permit

6. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of August 6, 2024, Council Minutes
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of Financial Reports
Roepke moved and Herrmann second approving the consent agenda. The motion carried. 4/0



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7. Old Business – no additional business.

8. Mayor City Council Reports

- Councilmember Kevin Grove – no report.
- Councilmember Thomas Mielke – absent.
- Councilmember Paul Roepke – no report.
- Councilmember Lorn Herrmann – no report.
- Mayor Shirley Jaeger – Discussion on ideas for the parks as Bob Van Lith family would like to donate in memory of Steve Van Lith.

9. Adjourn City Council Meeting – Roepke moved and Herrmann second adjourning the meeting at 8 PM. The motion carried. 4/0

Minutes were taken by Kevin Grove, typed by the City Clerk.