



**CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 6, 2024 – 7:00 PM**

1. Opening Items

- Call meeting to Order -
- Roll Call – Mayor Shirley Jaeger, Council Members; Thomas Mielke, Paul Roepke, Lorn Herrmann, & Kevin Grove. Others present were Fire Chief Ryan Goede, Asst Chief and Public Works Chris Barlau, City Clerk Twyla Menth, Mayer Lions - Paulette and Mark Gutzke, The Fancy Farmer Brett & Kelly MacNally, and Ben Hach.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Consider Approval of Agenda – Public Hearing and utility bill will not be assessed to taxes. **Roepke moved and Grove second approving the agenda. The motion carried. 5/0**

3. Public Comment Period

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

Ben Hach Renewable Energy bought 5 non-lake lots at Trophy Lakes, invested significant amount of money purchasing the lots, and with the special assessments. Would like to build on the lots, Ben was questioning if he possible could request a variance for well and septic so he could build immediately. Another option Ben suggested was to let Trophy Lakes go back to the Township, then wells and septic would be allowed. In the end Ben stated he would like help to find solution to build on the land that he owns and would like to be part of the New Germany community.

4. Business items or New Business

- Paulette Pellitier – Mayer area Lions, Paulette introduced fellow Lion's member Mark Gutzke. Mayer area Lions would like to incorporate New Germany into the name and community. They raise funds for many different programs, do not want to compete with the Commercial Club. Mark Gutzke mentioned a few of the projects/programs they have done; Holiday tree lighting, purchase picnic tables for the shelter in Mayer, planter boxes with the school children at Zions Lutheran School, and many more.
- The Fancy Farmer - Brett MacNally provided The Fancy Farmer update; waiting on getting power hooked up, hopefully soon. Brett explained his vision for the Kilbane Park and how he would like to work with the city to get this project accomplished. Brett's attorney will talk with the city attorney and come up with a plan to benefit all involved.
- ~~Open public Hearing –~~ **cancelled, not assessing to property taxes.**
 - ~~Resolution 2024-20 Adopting Assessment for Unpaid Utility Bills – canceled.~~
- Cannabis Ordinance information – provided Council information on Carver County and the cannabis information. SEH has started on Cannabis Ordinance for Council to review.

5. Officers' /Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report – purchase 11 tables \$800 give or take, chairs \$ 2,000 approximately, spend around \$3,000 total. Chief Goede explained the plan with the Legion to make using the upstairs room work for both parties.
 - Would like to get a pressure washer for the FD, Northern Tool, hot water pressure washer \$3,999, extra hose and accessories \$500, total approximately \$4500.
 - Ordered 4 of the 5 radios.
 - Central Fire Protection coming this next Wednesday.
 - FD is getting 200 Turkeys from Walmart and will distribute to those in need and to the food shelf.
 - Donated \$3150 to Mayer Lutheran Mission trip, donated to the Waconia legion, all donation funds are from the Relief Association, these funds are all from pull tabs and electronic gambling.
- Water/Sewer
 - People Service quarter report was reviewed.
 - Will be starting the utility software installation and migration.
 - MPCA sewer extension permit for Schroeder Meats, Lakeland Fiberglass has been approved.
- Public Works – crack repair has been completed.
 - Bought two irrigation valve boxes.
 - Curbs painted in front of fire hydrants.
 - Replaced sprinkler heads with Eric.
 - New Germany signs in the shop, move to cold storage side.
 - Chris would like to buy a DeWalt grease gun \$229.00, and purchase wood to make shelving on the west wall.
 - Bagger (3 quotes on used) \$2500, fit on the next mower, Council agreed to the above items, but not the bagger use the mulching option.
- Misc – Nothing additional.
- Clerk Report – Provided Hall Rental schedule information.



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- 2024 Special Assessments that have been paid off total \$17,500; goes to the water fund.
- Election Canvassing Special meeting – November 13, 2024, at 7 PM.
- Election night was a very late night, busiest election ever.
- Building Permits –
 - 560 Broadway – reroof
 - 181 Park Street - reroof detached garage

6. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of October 15, 2024, Council Minutes
 - Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
 - Consider Approval of Financial Reports
- Grove moved and Mielke second approving the consent agenda. The motion carried. 5/0**

7. Old Business

- Advance Power generator contract agreement – **Roepke moved and Herrmann second approving Advanced Power, three-year generator contract, including load banking. The motion carried. 5/0**
- Ehlers Investment agreement – **Grove moved and Mielke second approving a discretionary advisory agreement with Ehlers Investment. The motion carried. 5/0**
- Misc
 - Final budget/Future City projects (FMP) – workshop with final levy in November (set date). 2025 Budget is complete, will only need workshop for city projects: January or later.

8. Mayor City Council Reports

- Councilmember Kevin Grove – no additional report.
- Councilmember Thomas Mielke – no additional report.
- Councilmember Paul Roepke – no additional report.
- Councilmember Lorn Hermann – no additional report.
- Mayor Shirley Jaeger – no additional report.

9. Adjourn City Council Meeting - Grove moved and Mielke second adjourning the Council meeting at 8:33 PM. The motion carried. 5/0

Respectfully submitted by City Clerk Twyla Menth.