



**CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2025 – 7:00 PM**

1. Opening Items

- Call meeting to Order –
- Roll Call – **Mayor Jaeger, Council Members; Roepke, Mielke, Herrmann, and Grove.**
- **Others: Fire Chief Ryan Goede, City Clerk Menth**
- **Oath of Office – Mayor Jaeger, Council Members Roepke and Herrmann.**

2. Approval of Agenda

- Consider Approval of Agenda – **Mielke moved and, Roepke second approving the agenda. The motion carried. 5/0**

3. Public Comment Period

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

4. Business items or New Business –

- SEH 2024 Engineering services agreement amendment – **Roepke moved and, Grove second approving SEH 2024 amendment to the engineering service agreement. The motion carried. 5/0**
- 2025 SEH Master Agreement – **Mielke moved and, Herrmann second approving the 2025 SEH Engineering agreement. The motion carried. 5/0**
- 2025 Ehlers Municipal Advisor Client Disclosure – **Grove moved and, Roepke second approving the Ehlers 2025 Municipal Advisor Agreement. The motion carried. 5/0**

5. Officers' /Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report – 69 calls, everyone made trainings, few personnel issues, nothing major. Chief Goede explained on the encryption with the radios. January 9, Carver County Hazard Mitigation meeting 2 pm -3:30 pm. Chief Goede explained the different types of radio; Chris and Twyla have signed up for the January 9 meeting.
 - Pull tabs - Relief making another donation.
 - Jeff Caswell has a type1 hood, FD needs to go look at hood.
 - DNR grant - still no funds released.
 - Legion moving out, in process.
 - Discussion on grass rig for 2025; budget is \$127,500.00., would consider a used truck, if it completes all the FD needs.
- Water/Sewer – software conversation, moving slow. Hopefully start processing payments by end of week.
- Public Works – discussion on snow plowing and training.
- Misc – no additional business.
- Clerk Report – Safety meeting Thursday at Waconia.
 - School district #110 would use the hall in the event of a special election.
 - Insurance dividend refund \$1,282.00.
 - Parks Capital fund – Ehlers said to use the current Parks capital fund instead of creating a building fund, as it is an issue if there is left over funds and or if funds are short. Just keep track like we did with the baseball lights.
 - Local Government Aid received \$24,115.50, Small city assistance \$1,102.50, Ag Market Value credit received \$136.69, all this totals \$25,354.99 and is included in the treasure report.
 - Provided information on Sheriff regionalization – New Germany will receive an average of .26 minutes per scheduled shift, per deputy. Regionalization has 4 deputies and 2 squads (1 for day and 1 for night).
 - Notice to Municipalities and Counties with an order issued on 12/30/2024 by the MN Public Utilities commission regarding Xcel's application for authority to Increase Rates.
 - Fill Me Up – changes on January 14, 2025, to Farmers Co-Op Oil, I let them know we will need 2 cards, one for FD and one for PW.
 - Scott Johnson has been our past Xcel representative; Xcel is adjusted territories, and our new rep will be Michelle Swanson.
- Building Permits - Bob Mork, Lakeland Fiberglass building.



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• **6. Consent Agenda**

- Consider Approval of December 17, 2024, Council Minutes.
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of Financial Reports
- Consider Approval of Resolutions
 - Resolution 2025-01 A Resolution Approving the Organization Summary for The City of New Germany for The Year 2025
 - Resolution 2025-02 Approving Small City Funds of \$1,102.50, are to be used for public works streets and or road maintenance and funds will be placed into the Seal Coat Capital Fund.

Grove moved and, Roepke second approving the consent agenda. The motion carried. 5/0

7. Old Business

- Misc – Mayor Jaeger stated she emailed Senator Gruenhagen and Representative Bobbie harder reminding them of the need for the bonding bill for wastewater. Clerk Menth also sent an email with the carver county rates of sewer and water.

8. Mayor City Council Reports

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

9. Adjourn City Council Meeting – Grove moved and, Herrmann second adjourning the council meeting at 7:45 PM. The motion carried. 5/0

Respectfully submitted by City Clerk Twyla Menth.