



**CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES & PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 17, 2024 – 7:00 PM**

1. Opening Items

- Call meeting to Order – **7 pm Mayor Shirley Jaeger.**
- Roll Call – *Paul Roepke, Lorn Herrmann, Thomas Mielke, Shirley Jaeger, and Kevin Grove.*
Others Present: Chris Barlau, Public Works, Joe Lemmermann with T-Road, Lyle Lehrke, and City Clerk Twyla Menth.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Consider Approval of Agenda – **Grove moved and, Mielke 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 –

- Joe Lemmermann – provided a Council a sketch plan of 4 slab on grade homes. Joe pointed out the identified wetlands. Joe explained it would be a possibility of filling the wetlands in as it is a very small marginal area. Joe explained the option of banking wetlands in the same watershed. MPCA has been contacted if water and sewer connections would be allowed in the future, may want to wait till we hear from MPCA before moving forward with wetland options. Joe and Lyle Lehrke had a discussion on where the water will flow if this project would go through.

PUBLIC HEARING - open at 7:16 PM by Mayor Shirely Jaeger.

- Approve 2025 Liquor License & Soft Drink License
 - Fat Boyz – **Grove moved and, Mielke second approving Fat Boyz 2025 Liquor and soft drink license. The motion carried. 5/0**
 - Heimey's Place – **Mielke moved and, Grove second approving Heimey's 2025 Liquor and soft drink license. The motion carried. 5/0**
 - T-Road Tavern – **Roepke moved and, Mielke second approving T-Road Tavern 2025 liquor and soft drink license. The motion carried. 5/0**
 - **Motion on all three establishment have been carried. 5/0**
- Adopt Ordinance No. 126 An Ordinance To Amend B (Business/Commercial) District & Related Amendments To Regulate Cannabis Businesses – **Grove moved and, Lorn second approving Ordinance No. 126. The motion carried. 5/0**
 - Adopt Ordinance No. 127 AN Ordinance Of The City Of New Germany To Regulate Retail Cannabis Businesses – **Grove moved and, Mielke second approving Ordinance No. 127. The motion carried. 5/0**
 - Resolution 2024-22 Resolution Designating Carver County As The Cannabis Registration Authority (CRA) For The City Of New Germany – **Roepke moved and, Grove second approving Resolution 2024-22. The motion carried. 5/0**
- Adopt Ordinance No. 128, 2025 City Fee Ordinance and 2025 Fee Schedule – **Mielke moved and, Grove second approving Ordinance No. 128. The motion carried. 5/0**

********CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ***** Mayor Shirley Jaeger closed the public hearing at 7:20 PM.***

The motion carried. 5/0

- 2025 Carver County Joint Assessment Contract – **Mielke moved and, Grove second approving the 2025 Carver County Joint Assessment contract. The motion carried. 5/0**

5. Officers' /Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report
 - Resolution 2024-23 A Resolution Opting To Increase The Benefit Level For Firefighters Who Are Vested In The Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan **Herrmann moved and, Grove second approving Resolution 2024-23. The motion carried. 5/0**
- Water/Sewer – City clerk explained the audit on two water meters; Duetchland is working correctly, and Grindland Apartments needs meter & radio head replacement; as it was registering incorrectly (battery issue), Grindland apartment has received a credit. Duetchland ask for forgiveness as the tenant took made modifications to the toilet tank, which made for an increase in water flow; Council declined any forgiveness of water used.
- Public Works –
 - Old style radios from FD cannot use for public works plowing communication, no active id, would need active FD radios.
 - Upstairs in the Public Works building is very wobbly and unsafe, brace it or take it down and sturdy it up were the options. Grove will come over and look at and see what type of plan they can come up with.
 - Sander on the city truck was making a large noise; Grove will look at.



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- Misc – Nathan Roepke is home if needed for upcoming snow plowing, always available when home, same as last year.
- Clerk Report –
 - Auditor here January 15-16, 2025.
 - Workman comp audit has been completed.
 - Starting year end procedures and reports.
 - January is a very busy month with 1099, W-2, bond reports, county reports.
 - Hall rental – Celebration of Life for Russell Rolf, Fat Boyz. Council agreed to no charge, just cleaning fee if there was any.
 - Ordered the first aid kits and other office supplies today.
 - Ordered water meter bases (6), used the last 2 on Schroeder Meats.
- Building Permits - MN Inboard infrared heaters (2).

6. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of December 3, 2024, Council Minutes.
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of Financial Reports
- Consider Approval of Resolutions
 - Resolution 2024-24 Adopting year 2025 General Fund Operating Budget
 - Resolution 2024-25 Approving the 2025 Meeting Schedule
 - Resolution 2024-26 Designating The Polling Place
 - Resolution 2024-27 Transferring of Funds (year-end capital funds)

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

7. Old Business

- Misc – no additional business.

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 Herrmann - no additional business.
- Mayor Shirley Jaeger – no additional business.

Lyle Lehrke had a few questions on water, sewer hooks up to his home on 62nd Street, and if an existing well would be an option; Grove noted that the well would need to be capped, annexation would need to happen first, clerk gave Lyle the hookup fees for WAC & SAC. Brief discussion on Trophy Lakes and the lots Lemmermann is proposing, Lyle is concerned his property may be affected with water issues by filling in the lots. Lyle also voiced his concerns on SR housing; Lyle was informed until the wastewater capacity is addressed there are no options at this time. The City cannot afford additional bonding for the wastewater capacity issues, as it would be unaffordable sewer rates for the residents.

9. Adjourn City Council Meeting – Herrmann moved and, Grove second adjourning the meeting at 7:35 PM, the motion carried. 5/0

Respectfully submitted by City Clerk Twyla Menth