



**CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2025 – 7:00 PM**

1. Opening Items

- Call meeting to Order – **Mayor Shirley Jaeger called meeting to order @ 7 PM.**
- Roll Call – **Mayor Shirley Jaeger, Council Members; Lorn Herrmann, Paul Roepke, Thomas Mielke, and Kevin Grove.**
- Others present: Parker Aurich, Emery Henning, Mari Buhr, Officer Buckentin, PW/FD Chris Barlau, Fire Chief Ryan Goede and City Clerk Twyla Menth.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Consider Approval of Agenda – Add Deputy Buckentin to the agenda. **Mielke moved and, Roepke second approving the agenda with the addition of Deputy Buckentin. The motion carried. 5/0**

3. Public Comment Period

Deputy Buckentin introduced himself to City council, providing information on his background with Carver County Sheriff's Office. Mayer, New Germany and Watertown are now regionalized with Carver County Sheriff office for coverage. Day car and night car (24-hour coverage with regionalization), 7 days a week. Designated contract coverage per city remains the same as in the police contract, contract coverage time may vary on account of call volume. Fire Chief Goede expressed his concern with parking issues and getting fire trucks out when there is an emergency call. Deputy Buckentin will share with other deputies to watch this problem area. May need to ticket to get the word out parking in these areas will not be tolerated; problem area is in front of fire department in the no parking zone, Fat Boyz patrons park in this area.

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

4. Business items or New Business –

- Carver County report of Outstanding Indebtedness as of 12/31/24 – reviewed by Council.

5. Officers' /Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report
 - Donated \$10,000 to Lindstrom concession stand improvement fund – First Street Construction received the window replacement, Jake Floer is assisting with project and getting quotes.
 - No funding from DNR grant as of now.
 - Discussion on encrypted radio, as of now we will not be moving forward.
 - Meet with Townships in March at the annual meeting. Chief Goede was questioning if the city is moving forward with the next truck purchase. Chief Geode voiced his concerns about not following the replacement plan or things will just be moved down the road and the FD will be in the same position as before. The council had a discussion on purchasing trucks and should it be delayed or go with FMP. Internal fund loan repay was explained and cannot be changed until 2026.
 - \$2,000 donation to Conservation Club.
 - Table until Ehlers reviews - Fire Department 2024 Budget Surplus.
- Water/Sewer –Lift station pump repaired, bill in claims.
- Public Works
 - Large wood logs at Baseball Park have been picked up. Other people are picking up some of the other wood log pieces.
 - Spring Cleanup date is May 10, 2025, 7 am – 11 am.
 - Carver County Spring clean-up date – May 17, Cologne public works building 8 am – 12 pm
 - Fall cleanup is at Hollywood on September 13, 8am – 12 pm
- Misc – nothing additional.
- Clerk Report –
 - In the process of getting quotes: for carpet cleaning, hall windows, and having front doors checked out.
 - Reminder - Mayer New Germany Lions having a free lunch introduction at Hall in basement on March 2, 2025.
 - Clerk 2024 Vacation, sick, comp time report; Council reviewed. **Mielke moved and, Roepke second approving carrying over clerks remaining 2024 vacation hours. The motion carried. 5/0**
 - Personnel Committee schedule employee reviews – Lorn and Thomas are the personnel committee, will schedule reviews.
- Building Permits – none



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6. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of January 21, 2025, 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

- 2025 Project list workshop – March 17, 2025, 7 PM.
- February 18 Auditor present

8. Mayor City Council Reports

- Councilmember Kevin Grove – nothing additional.
- Councilmember Thomas Mielke – nothing additional.
- Councilmember Paul Roepke – Informed Council on the freezer issue and Fat Boyz frozen pop explosion. May need to replace the thermostat and place a lock box on the thermostat. Stumps have been ground down.
- Councilmember Lorn Hermann – nothing additional.
- Mayor Shirley Jaeger – nothing additional.

9. Adjourn City Council Meeting – Roepke, moved and Grove second adjourning the meeting at 8:05 PM. The motion carried. 5/0

Submitted by City Clerk Twyla Menth.