



CITY OF NEW GERMAN - CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 4, 2025 – 7:00 PM

1. Opening Items

- Call meeting to Order – **Mayor Shirley Jaeger called the meeting to order at 7 PM.**
- Roll Call – **Mayor Shirley Jaeger, Council Members: Paul Roepke, Thomas Mielke, Kevin Grove, and Lorn Herrmann. Others present were, Public Works Chris Barlau, Parks Eric Roepke, City Clerk Twyla Menth.**

2. Approval of Agenda

- Consider Approval of Agenda – Addition of Resolution 2025-05 Lg 555 Gambling funds to the Parks Capital fund, and employee reviews will be added to the agenda. **Grove moved and Mielke second approving the additions to 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 –

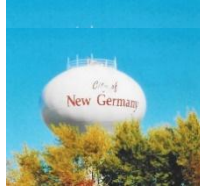
- City Hall/office window quote – Dan Perrell with First Street Construction was present to explain the hall windows and the office window, and what labor would consist of and or included for the project.
- Special Permits – Fat Boyz outdoor amplified patio music. **Roepke moved and Mielke second approving all of the special permits for patio amplified music until 10 PM; if any complaints then the band time will be adjusted to 9 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

5. Officers' /Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report – gambling donation will be coming for \$15,000 for park concession stand and field supplies.
- Parks – Eric Roepke, prices on grandstand repairs at Baseball Park; replacing all the wood where you sit and the railing, currently it is not green treated wood. Eric will get pricing on metal railing instead of wood.
 - The Lindstrom Park concession stand project will be in the middle of May.
 - Regions – Baseball Team will pay for; city will need to place the order and baseball team will reimburse after regions in 2025.
- Water/Sewer – Battery issues with the handheld meter reading radio equipment; ordered batteries, and portable charger for vehicle.
- Public Works – branches picked up and hauled away, utilizing wood chips. Clean up day May 10, if cleaning out the shed.
- Misc – nothing additional.
- Clerk Report – 4-H Shooting sports – Council had no issues with continuing practice at the hall.
 - Ordered a gold horseshoe with the establishment year for welcoming The Fancy Farmer to New Germany.
 - 2024 Audit report sent to Herald Journal for publication.
 - 2/26/25 met with Carver County CDA – few new programs will be unleashed, a first-time home buyer down payment assistance program will be coming. Lee Hall will supply any small business planning assistance if requested or in need of assistance.
 - 2/27/25 Clerk meeting in Chaska – had a demo on Agenda software and discussion on Ordinance software, I will be looking into the Ordinance software.
 - 3/6/25 Capitol Investment Committee hearing – 10:15 am is New Germany at the State Capitol, asking for \$8 million in wastewater capacity assistance.
 - Water shut off scheduled for 3/6/25.
 - Discussion on permitting for the Carver County property in New Germany, talk with Joe Lemmerman for the insurance portion. The City cannot get the \$3 million liability insurance the County is requesting.
 - Workshop for March 17 will be rescheduled in April.
- Building Permits – 310 Camden Avenue S, siding permit.

6. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of February 18, 2025, Council Minutes
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of Financial Reports
- Resolution 2025-04, 2024 FD Budget Surplus
- Resolution 2025 – 05, Gambling funds for the Parks Capital fund, concession stand project \$10,000.
Roepke moved and Grove second approving the consent agenda. The motion carried. 5/0.



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7. Old Business

- SEH outline for Out lot G – reviewed.
- Employee Reviews – **Roepke moved and Herrmann second to go into a closed meeting @ 8 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**
- **Grove moved and Roepke second to adjourn the closed meeting and reconvene into the regular meeting @ 8:05 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**
Personnel Committee recommendation – **5% increase, this would be \$1 for Public Works, and \$1.60 for the City Clerk. Lorn moved and Mielke second approving the employee wage increase of 5%. The motion carried. 5/0**
Concerns on future cross training for clerk position, create a 2025/2026 budget for a part time clerk.

8. Mayor City Council Reports

- Councilmember Kevin Grove – nothing additional.
- Councilmember Thomas Mielke – nothing additional.
- Councilmember Paul Roepke – nothing additional.
- Councilmember Lorn Hermann – nothing additional.
- Mayor Shirley Jaeger – nothing additional.

9. Adjourn City Council Meeting - Lorn, Grove 8:10 pm. The motion carried. 5/0

Respectfully submitted by City Clerk Twyla Menth