



**CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2025 – 7:00 PM**

1. Opening Items

- Call meeting to Order –
- Roll Call – **Mayor Shirley Jaeger, Council Members; Paul Roepke, Thomas Mielke, Kevin Grove and Lorn Herrmann. Others present were Fire Chief Ryan Goede, Asst Fire Chief Chris Barlau, City Clerk Twyla Menth.**

2. Approval of Agenda

- Consider Approval of Agenda – add Commercial Club/Fire Department consumption and Display liquor license. **Roepke moved and Herrmann second approving the agenda with changes. 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 – no other quotes have been turned in for the windows, wait till quote comes in, make decision on April 1 meeting.
- Misc – nothing additional.

Officers’/Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report
 - Chief Goede reported he met with Townships – meetings went well.
 - Trucks were repaired, now there are some pump issues with trucks, Apparatus should be coming by the end of the week, will certify and get them up and running.
 - Submitted bill for Forsman Farm for approximately \$4500.
 - Final conformation on DNR grant – should receiving contract, purchase last radio. Purchase one more and that is our last radio purchase. Encryption might be back on the table. **Roepke moved and Grove second approving the radio purchase. The motion carried. 5/0**
 - 20 calls for the year so far, 16 of those calls have been between 6 AM – 3 PM, daytime calls. Chief Goede mentioned, as an incentive to pay fire fighters by the hour, in hopes of recruiting more fire fighters and keeping the current fire fighters.
 - Looking at generator project, place the overhead service and the phone line underground to clean up the alley way.
 - The Lindstrom concession project will be starting the first week of May. If possible, have the bathroom door vents put in too.
- Parks – quotes will be coming in.
- Water/Sewer – water billing tomorrow.
- Public Works – start working on the piles of wood chips, pick up and move over to the baseball park. Start getting ready for warmer weather, spring clean-up May 10, 2025.
- Misc – nothing additional.
- Clerk Report – email on peddler permit.
 - Fat Boyz will change the Patio music end time to 9 PM, April 26 band has been changed to inside.
- Building Permits – 390 State Avenue N, window replacement

6. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of March 4, 2025, Council Minutes
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of Financial Reports
- Commercial Club Fire Department consumption and Display liquor license for Baseball and Lindstrom Park. **Mielke moved and Grove second approving the consent agenda. The motion carried. 5/0**



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7. Old Business

- Misc - April Workshop date April 7, 7 PM.
- Closed meeting – Mayor Shirley Jaeger moved to enter a closed meeting at 7:38 PM. Discussion on City Clerk wages. **Roepke moved and Herrmann second the clerks' increase will be 7%, an additional \$1.24 will be added to wages, for a total of \$2.24 increase for 2025. The original motion on March 4 was 5% increase or \$1 increase. The \$2.24 increase will be retroactive to the City Clerks anniversary date of February 3. The motion carried. 5/0.**
- **Grove moved and Mielke second to close the closed meeting at 7:32 PM and reconvene into the regular meeting @ 7:32 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

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 – Roepke moved and Herrmann second adjourning meeting at 7:47 PM. The motion carried. 5/0

Respectfully submitted by Twyla Menth, City Clerk.