



**CITY OF NEW GERMANYS- CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2025 – 7:00 PM**

1. Opening Items

- Call meeting to Order – Mayor Jaeger called to order at 7 Pm
- Roll Call – Mayor Shirley Jaeger, Council Members: Paul Roepke, Lorn Herrmann, Thomas Mielke, and Kevin Grove.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Public Comment Period

Open Public Comment Period – Comments are limited to 5 minutes

Eric Roepke – Leaking or broken pipe in Baseball Park. Eric reported that himself and Mayer Lutheran will be constructing a bull pen on the outside by first base line. Eric ordered ag lime for the bull pen.

4. Business items or New Business –

- Brett MacNally – Kilbane Park water issue, tie into the storm drain system. Paul Roepke has reviewed with Hennings the dead space between the ASAP building and Jim Clarks (the old Kohls hardware store). Hennings may be able to tap into the storm drain by post office. Hennings will pothole it to see if they can find where to tie it into the storm drain, get numbers from Henning for the connection costs.
- Discussion on Kilbane Park Ideas. The council has requested the clerk to email the city attorney with their request to draft something up for Kilbane.
- Misc – Nothing additional.

Officers’/Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report – nothing to report.
- Parks – Eric already provided park report.
- Water/Sewer – 1st Quarter People Service report was reviewed.
- Public Works – Chris reported he will be taking the plow and salter off the truck, starting playground inspections, will be doing the MPCA smart salting webinar.
Chris was informed if any trees are encroaching onto the city street you can trim them.
Piles of grass need to be cleaned up, Lindstrom has been cleaned up, one branch needs to be cut.
- Misc – nothing additional.
- Clerk Report – Window project final invoice was \$1,089.67 difference then the estimated \$38,000., still lower than the other bid received.
Finished all modules for the federal grant.
Working on final report of CARES/Covid funds.
First quarter payroll taxes have been completed. When doing first quarter taxes it was discovered that Chris Barlau FD annual payroll had PERA taken out, Chris has been reimbursed in claims for \$108.23.
Started the FD annual Ball tournament camping permit; fees will be going up as they consider the fee by the tier of the event.
- Building Permits – plumbing permit for Bob Mork, also must go to state for approval.

6. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of April 1, 2025, Council Minutes
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of Financial Reports
- Resolution 2025-06 LG 555 Gambling funds to Lindstrom Park concession stand project \$20,000
- Resolution 2025-07 LG 555 Gambling Funds to Park Capital fund for Parks, \$3,000.

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



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7. Old Business

- Misc – update project list from April 7, 2025, workshop. Paul Roepke talked to County on the New Germany sign projects. Kevin Grove brought up cement in front of PW door and apron. Chris brought up the ice issue in front of the sliding doors.
Lorn has all the quotes back on rails – vertical rails, black powder coated, into the cement. OEM \$7,596.89, Hecksel \$7,000.

Grove moved and Mielke second approved the Hecksel quote for \$7,000 for the rails at Baseball Park. The motion carried. 5/0

8. Mayor City Council Reports

- Councilmember Kevin Grove – nothing additional.
- Councilmember Thomas Mielke – nothing additional.
Councilmember Paul Roepke – Eric, Paul and Lorn will be putting it up netting at Baseball Park, not a major expense. Flag is now up in center field.
Paul reported on the cooler – ended up replacing the freezer thermostat. Paul replaced the sink at Baseball Park.
- nothing additional.
- Councilmember Lorn Hermann – nothing additional.
- Mayor Shirley Jaeger – Lions have Bingo in Mayer next Saturday. Clean up Day May 10, 2025, 7 AM – 11 AM.

9. Adjourn City Council Meeting – Grove moved and Roepke second adjourning the meeting at 7:49 PM. The motion carried. 5/0

Respectfully submitted by City Clerk Twyla Menth.