



**CITY OF NEW GERMAN- CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 6, 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: Lorn Herrmann, Paul Ropeke, Thomas Mielke, absent Kevin Grove.**
Others present: Chris Barlau Public Works, Twyla Menth City Clerk.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Consider Approval of Agenda – additions of 2 special permits and Ehlers Investment correspondence under Old Business items.
Mielke, moved and Herrmann second approving the agenda with the additions. The motion carried. 4/0

3. Public Comment Period

Open Public Comment Period – Comments are limited to 5 minutes

4. Business items or New Business –

- Misc – nothing additional.

Officers’/Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report – Fire Chief was not present.
- Parks Park Policy – wait on adopting, waiting to hear from attorney, update on Kilbane from City Attorney was reviewed.
We previously amended the liquor ordinance to allow up to 6 liquor licenses in New Germany. Started the process for liquor license, wine and strong beer for Fancy Farmer. The background check is complete, when I get the dram insurance it will then go to AGE, once back we will have a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Council meeting for final approval.
Discussion on the hydrant in Kilbane Park hydrant removal and removing and irrigation in the park; Council decided to remove the hydrant put in an irrigation box, with meter for unallocated water accountability until deed restriction expires.
- Water/Sewer – nothing additional.
- Public Works – Main garage door on city shed is broken, Twin City Garage Doors did a temporary fix will be repairing at the end of the week when parts are in. Twin City Garage Doors will be resending quotes for cold storage doors. The water valve at Lindstrom fixed, Eric added pitching mound, aerated baseball field.
Chris reported he talked with Rec Tech today, older weed whip \$30-\$50 for a carb kit (older model on shelf), pole saw gasket for bar reservoir is bad, oil leaking out. Paul will look at it if it does need a gasket, it is \$30-\$35.00 if needed.
Dirt pile by shed; Paul recommended getting the stumps out and using the black dirt to fill and get the seed in. Cement if it has iron in will need to jack hammer iron out of cement and then Henning will take cement chunks. Mulch from Mayer; borrow a trailer or shovel by hand, let Paul know and he will haul a load in.
Baseball and Lindstrom were mowed on Friday, not the entire field.
Paul noted that some areas of grass are overdue, and they need mowing now.
Playground inspection – Chris reported on the findings.
- Misc – Fat Boyz Special Permits for music.
Mielke moved and Roepke second approving the Special Permits for Fat Boyz patio music. The motion carried. 4/0
- Clerk Report – Fence permit, I had SEH review too, no issues, approving the fence permit for 281 State Avenue N. Discussion on 3 phase and the wastewater ponds.
Updating the city website with a link that offers online payments for ROW permits and building permits. Working on a Hall Rental page, schedule rentals online and have the online pay for hall rental option.
Carver County CDA is in the process of purchasing an apartment building in New Germany. I believe Deutschland is also in the process of being sold.
Sent out the 9 blight letters as requested by Public Works.
Carver County chip seal for county road 30 through town, from the intersection of T-Road to the east of city limits will begin on July 21, 25. The county will also be chip sealing county road 33 to Lester Prairie or McLeod County line on the same date. There will be no parking signs on county road 30.
I will be taking the omni ballot to the carver county for maintenance prior to May 13.
- Building Permits – roofing permit Kevin Horstman, 361 State Avenue S



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6. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of April 16, 2025, Council Minutes
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of Financial Reports

Roepke moved and Herrmann second approving the consent agenda. The motion carried. 4/0

7. Old Business

- Misc – Ehlers Investment account, Council reviewed the email from Ehlers Investment Matt Tourville about investing money in the general fund into the investment account. The council has asked to revisit this at the May 20 Council meeting as we should know more about the bonding bill at that time.

8. Mayor City Council Reports

- Councilmember Kevin Grove – absent.
- Councilmember Thomas Mielke – nothing additional.
- Councilmember Paul Roepke – nothing additional.
- Councilmember Lorn Hermann – Ballpark is moving right along. Lorn and Kevin are coming up with ideas for the Public Works shed.
- Mayor Shirley Jaeger – nothing additional.

9. Adjourn City Council Meeting – Herrmann moved and Mielke second adjourning the meeting at 7:57 PM. The motion carried. 4/0

Respectfully submitted by City Clerk Twyla Menth.