



**CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 15, 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 Roepke, Thomas Mielke, Kevin Grove. Other; Fire Chief Ryan Goede, Asst Fire Chief & PW Chris Barlau, City Clerk Twyla Menth.**

2. Approval of Agenda

- Consider Approval of Agenda – **Mielke moved and Roepke second approving 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 –

- Matt Tourville – Ehlers Investment, Matt went through the current investments the city has and the rate of return.
- Approve New Germany Fire Department Annual Ball Tournament temporary liquor license.
Hermann moved and Grove second approving the Fire Department Softball Tournament liquor license. The motion carried. 5/0
- Misc – nothing additional.

5. Officers’/Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report
4 new members completed the agility test; Dillon needs his physical, which is scheduled for July 28. Connor, Sawyer, & Matthew completed background checks, physical, and agility testing. FD accepted all four based on Dillon completing the physical and agility test. Fire Chief Goede is recommending to the city to accept all four members based on completing the requirements.
Grove moved and Mielke second approving four new Fire Fighters, with the condition of Dillon completing the requirements. The motion carried. 5/0
Chief Goede talked about the Heart Safe Community Designation; meeting (webinar) tomorrow at 11 AM. Weather siren by City Shed is having a communication issue when it is cloudy, works when it is sunny; contact Whelen.
Discussion on Fire fighter physical; chiropractor office can also perform the physical and less expensive.
- Parks – everything is looking good at Baseball Park, reported Council Member Paul Roepke and Lorn Hermann.
- Water/Sewer – alum chemical for phosphorus treatment was discharged in ponds.
- Public Works
 - Sidewalks sprayed from Adams to 33, and along city hall going to Park.
 - Fuel treatment added to the fuel.
 - Seal Coating July 21 County Road 30.
 - Barga has completed the crack repair, Allied will be coming in near future to complete the chip seal.
 - Mowing at the Lagoons, holes from the animals digging, fill holes.
- Misc
 - Hall painting quotes – Council reviewed the 2 quotes, Patriot Painting \$19,510.00, Heldt’s Painting \$27,582.00, Council discussed the quotes. **Roepke moved and Hermann second approving Patriot Painting bid. The motion carried. 5/0**
 - City Shed paint quote/UFC building – do not have, coming back at the end of the month, gray color.
- Clerk Report –
 - Going through the water and sewer budget with Lee on Thursday, also Utility billing day.
 - Carver County CDA is looking at purchasing an apartment building in New Germany.
 - Will be submitting payment for DNR FD grant.
 - Discussion on 4-H using the Hall for 2025/2026.
 - Delinquent utility accounts – all have made a payment on their account, one account was shut off until a payment was received.
 - Our Lady of the Lake Clerk Meeting on July 24, 12 – pm to end of day.
 - Send budget information by the end of the week or beginning of next week.
 - Sent more letters out for long grass; issues have been resolved.
- Building Permit – 571 State Avenue S, reroof permit.



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6. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of June 17, 2025, Council Minutes – Lorn was not present change to 4/0, not 5/0 on motions.
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of Financial Reports

Grove moved and Jaeger second the consent agenda, with changes in minutes as noted above. The motion carried. 5/0

7. Old Business

- Misc – nothing additional.

8. Mayor City Council Reports

- Councilmember Kevin Grove – Nothing additional.
- Councilmember Thomas Mielke – Discussion on what can be linked to city website.
- Councilmember Paul Roepke – Discussion on The Fancy Farmer sump pump.
- Councilmember Lorn Hermann – Nothing additional.
- Mayor Shirley Jaeger – Nothing additional.

9. Adjourn City Council Meeting – Grove moved and Roepke second adjourning the meeting at 8:30 PM. The motion carried. 5/0