



**CITY OF NEW GERMAN- CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 19th, 2025 – 7:00 PM**

**1. Opening Items**

- Call meeting to Order – Mayor Jaeger called meeting to order at 7 PM.
- Roll Call – **Mayor Shirley Jaeger, Council Members; Lorn Herrmann, Paul Roepke, Kevin Grove, absent Thomas Mielke.**

Others present; Ryan Goede, Fire Dept, Chris Barlau Public Works & FD, Twyla Menth, City Clerk

**2. Approval of Agenda**

- Consider Approval of Agenda – **Roepke moved and Herrmann second approving the agenda. The motion carried. 3/0 (Kevin Grove is currently absent).**

**3. Public Comment Period**

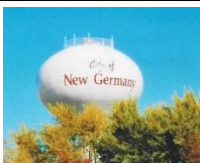
Open Public Comment Period – Comments are limited to 5 minutes

**4. Business items or New Business –**

- Misc
  - Crosswalk inquiry – discussion on the county road 30 and a crosswalk; this was discussed with the Carver County in the past and the only one given was by the church.
  - Special permits – Fat Boyz & Oktoberfest (T-Road). **Lorn Herrmann moved and Paul Roepke second approving the special permits. The motion carried 4/0 (Kevin Grove present).**

**Officers’/Department/Staff Reports**

- Fire Department Report
  - Fire Chief Goede – working on finalize everything on the generator project. Placement would be by the air conditioning units.
  - A vendor will be coming out to replace FD gear, new guys will need gear as well; light turn out gear for car accidents, flashlights and extraction gloves will also be replaced, keeping in line with the budget.
  - Dehumidifier is working until opening the garage doors then it increases to the 70’s.
  - New fire fighters have been on some tough calls, they seem to handle well and are doing well.
- Parks
  - Tree removal – one behind the fire department and 4 in Park, will remove the tree behind FD garage, Park ones will need quotes for removal or topped, overhead wires are an issue.
- Water/Sewer – residents that were late have received a disconnect notice with August bill.
- Public Works
  - Modem for city shed, in process of having internet in the city shed.
  - Purchase a battery powered angle grinder, purchase a DeWalt one.
  - Review lawnmower status & mowing procedures – Kevin Grove explained the verbal lawnmower deal from Bob’s Repair. Council had a discussion on the lawn mower trade up program with Bob’s Repair. Bob’s will swap out the lawnmower for a 2026 Hustler \$3850.00 and supply a contract. **Kevin Grove moved and Paul Roepke second approving the lawnmower trade up program for \$3850.00. The motion carried. 4/0**
  - Discussion on lawnmower speed. Jim Heimerl will help mow and weed whip when Bennett goes back to school.
- Sheriff Report – included in Council Packet.
- Misc – nothing additional.
- Clerk Report –
  - Joe Lemmerman has filled out the permit for the homes at Trophy Lakes Out Lot G. Sent to SEH, need the wetland impact permit to proceed (permit or application is not complete at this time), I will work with SEH on this process.
  - Credit card – I did set up for online paying, the check that was mailed on 8/6/25, was not received until 8/14/25, late fee waived. I think the best method is to pay online. Xcel, Frontier and CenterPoint set up online accounts for payment or pay online was Council’s recommendation. Postage is now .78, and another increase is scheduled for January 2026.
  - Tree issue encroaching into Fat Boyz patio area, civil issue between neighbors. I contacted the caretaker of Latigo (apartment next door) on the weeds, branches and tree and they are in the process of taking care of the issues. Weeds and branches were removed today 8/19/25. I let Fat Boyz know they need to work with the neighbor on the tree, it is not a city issue.
  - Lions would like to know if changing tables for bathrooms at Lindstrom and Ballpark are needed, they would purchase, and the city install. Council thanked the Lions for the idea; Council will decline at this time.



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**Clerk Report continued**

- Fence zoning permit – resident has an existing fence that is weathered (cedar) and would like to replace, will be submitting permit, paying fee, nothing additional would be required.
- Building Permit
  - 350 Park Street E, reroof permit.

**6. Consent Agenda**

- Consider Approval of August 5, 2025, Council Minutes
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of Financial Reports

**Grove moved and Roepke second the consent agenda. The motion carried. 4/0**

**7. Old Business**

- Misc – 2026 preliminary budget information – workshop August 26, 2025, 7 PM.
  - September 16, Ehlers Present for final 2026 Preliminary budget
  - Investment funds – review after budget.
  - Hall windows – Grove brought up Andy Puchner is the person making the windows, Andy suggested doing all the windows and would possibly do a discount on the windows, even the window in the upper level in stair well going to lower-level Grove explained. Grove also mentioned the idea of instead of replacing the stucco do LP siding. Clerk was informed by Eric Roepke that the carpet on the wall is for a sound barrier for music, Eric Roepke said it is important that it stay, or we would need other options; carpet will stay.
  - Project list was updated and given to Council for review. Update with any future items that are needed; hall roof, Lindstrom Park sign was a few of the future projects.

**8. Mayor City Council Reports**

- Council member Kevin Grove – nothing additional.
- Council member Thomas Mielke – absent.
- Council member Paul Roepke – nothing additional.
- Council member Lorn Hermann – Paul and Loren met with Kevin Horstman on the public works main shed, quote for repairs from Kevin Horstman is for replacing molding, walk thru door, and steel repairs, one week for repairs, could get there next week quote is for \$11,825 - \$12,825. UFC building quote is replacing trim, fixing roof \$3850-\$4850.00. Painter will be here in the middle of the first week of September. **Grove moved and Herrmann second the quotes for repairing both sheds prior to painting. The motion carried. 4/0** Painter for the roof; discussed the water option the painter will need.
- Mayor Shirley Jaeger – nothing additional.

**9. Adjourn City Council Meeting - Roepke moved and Herrmann second adjourning the meeting at 8:10 PM. The motion carried. 4/0**