



**CITY OF NEW GERMAN- CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 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, absent Kevin Grove. Others are present; Chris Barlau Public Works, Twyla Menth City Clerk.**

2. Approval of Agenda

- Consider Approval of Agenda – Add special permit for Patio music at Fat Boyz. – **Roepke moved and Mielke second approving the agenda with the addition of the special permit. 4/0**

3. Public Comment Period

Open Public Comment Period – Comments are limited to 5 minutes.

4. Business items or New Business –

- County Commissioner John Fahey –
 - Highway 212 update, open Bongards bridge by middle of November for North/South travel. Ground problems on Bongards' east side continue to cause subsidence, resulting in instability. Because of these difficulties, the project's completion will be delayed by several months beyond the planned November deadline. Switch lane construction is in progress, so please slow down and proceed carefully through the area. This has been the largest project in Carver County.
 - Highway 5 project is undergoing and will be more coming for the future. Victoria will have construction and not be favorable for commuting, multiple shutdowns when the project starts.
 - County Road 40, also known as East Union toward Belle Plain and referred to as Deadman's Corner along the Minnesota River, has seen mostly motorcycle accidents. The project is complete, although a few final tasks remain outstanding.
 - CarverLink operates in multiple Townships in partnership with Metronet.
 - Healthiest county for the 4th year in a row.
 - Commissioner Fahey provided updates on the Carver County Library and the Regional Railroad update.
- MN Paid Leave – Explained the MN Paid leave goes into effect on January 1, 2026, will keep you informed as this moves forward.
- Misc – Special Event Permit, October 12, 2-5 PM, nice weather on patio, otherwise inside.
Roepke moved Mielke second approving the Special permit for music on the patio at Fatboyz. The motion carried. 4/0

Officers' /Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report
 - Fire Chief Goede – working on generator install, contacting Frontier.
- Parks
 - Tree removal update – True N Fair Tree care is not calling back for the tree removal. Quick and Clean Tree removal will give us quote; Lorn will get quotes.
 - Residents who owe money for water or sewer services have been notified that any outstanding bills will be transferred to their property tax accounts.
- Public Works
 - Rented brush mower to mow the overgrown areas.
 - Mulch was added to various parts of the park.
 - Fire extinguishers are missing; check the cost of replacements and decide the quantity needed for each area—Chris estimates about five are missing. Order from the company that refills our current extinguishers.
 - Snow Plowing – Jim Borka is interested.
 - Wages – discussion on wage option.
 - Discussion on angle broom – Lano has a 68", see if they can bring over for trail and fit on the sidewalks.
- Sheriff Report – Receiving; Police Aid \$1,629.93, post \$107.39. Monthly report reviewed.
- Misc – nothing more.
- Clerk Report –
 - Truth and Taxation is set for December 2, 2025, 7 PM.
 - October 23, 12:15 pm Capital Investment Tour, New Germany will present at 12:15 pm at the Cologne wastewater facility.
 - Quarterly payroll taxes, sales tax filed and completed.
 - Another letter going out for chickens and debris bag with items.



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Officers’/Department/Staff Report cont’d

- Carver County will not be painting the handicap or emergency vehicle painting in front of Fire Department.
- Clerk report cont’d – West Carver Community Guide ad, ¼ page for 1/8-page price of \$249.
- Building Permit
 - No permits

6. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of September 16, 2025, Council Minutes
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of Financial Reports
- Resolution 2025-13 Approval of Gambling funds \$5,246 to the Park Fund for concession stand balance of \$3,178., and Baseball Field Supplies of \$2068.
- 2026 Prosecution Contract

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

7. Old Business

- Misc – nothing more.

8. Mayor City Council Reports

- Council member Kevin Grove – nothing more.
- Council member Thomas Mielke – nothing more.
- Council member Paul Roepke – nothing more.
- Council member Lorn Hermann – nothing more.
- Mayor Shirley Jaeger – mentioned an email on the flag, everyone will help when city office is not open and Lorn will do the large flag by the message board.

9. Adjourn City Council Meeting – Motion by Roepke second by Mielke to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM the motion carried. 4/0

Southern Valley Alliance Kim Lhose attending October 16,2025