



CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 16, 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.**

Others present; Jeanne Vogt with Ehlers, Ryan Goede Fire Chief, Chris Barlau Asst., Fire Chief & Public Works, Twyla Menth City Clerk.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Consider Approval of Agenda – Resolutions (3) added, donation of Gambling Funds for Parks \$3,000, Parks Concession stand \$15,000, FD Capital Fund \$18,000, and the 2026 Carver County Joint Assessment contract.

Mielke moved and Herrmann second approving the additions to 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 –

- Ehlers – Jeanne Vogt, handed out sewer rate options, two options to consider. Option 1; 2.5% rate increase in 2026, 10% increase in years 2027 & 2028, 2.5% rate increase 2029 & beyond. Option 2; 2.5% rate increase in 2026, 8% increase years 2027-2029, 2.5% rate increase 2030 & beyond. These options assume no new connections (worst case scenario) in the event we do get funding for the wastewater project it will only get better.
Grove moved and Mielke second approving option 2. The motion carried. 5/0
 - Ehlers written Client Disclosure (review only), Council had no issues.
- Misc
 - Ordinance 129 – 2026 fee schedule. **Mielke moved and Roepke second approving Ordinance 129, 2026 fee schedule. The motion carried. 5/0**
 - Resolution 2025-16 2026 Meeting Schedule – **Mielke moved and Grove second approving Resolution 2025-16, 2026 meeting schedule. The motion carried. 5/0.**
 - Resolution 2025-17 2026 Budget – **Mielke moved and Grove second approving Resolution 2025-17, 2026 Budget. The motion carried. 5/0**
 - Resolution 2025-18 Designating the Polling Place – **Roepke moved and Grove second approving Resolution 2025-19. The motion carried. 5/0**
 - Resolution 2025-19 Year end Transfers – **Mielke moved and Grove second approving the 2025-year end transfers. The motion carried. 5/0**
 - Insurance review – discussed the comments from the insurance agent on marked insurance items report.
 - Resolution 2025-20 A Resolution Approving Lawful Gambling Funds
Grove moved and Mielke second approving Resolution 2025-20, approving the lawful gambling fund donation in the amount of \$3,000 to be used for Parks field Supplies, funds will be placed into the Parks Capital Fund. The motion carried. 5/0
 - Resolution 2025-21 A Resolution Approving Gambling Funds
Grove moved and Roepke second approving the donation of Gambling funds in the amount of \$15,000., to be used for improvements for the Lindstrom Concession Building, the funds will be placed in the Parks Capital fund. The motion carried. 5/0
 - Resolution 2025-22 A Resolution Approving Lawful Gambling Funds
Herrmann moved and Grove second approving the donation of Gambling Funds in the amount of \$18,000., to be placed in the FD Truck & Building Capital Fund. The motion carried. 5/0
 - Carver County Joint assessment – **Grove moved and Herrmann second approving the 2026 Carver County Joint Assessment contract. The motion carried. 5/0**

Officers'/Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report – Generator project update; switch over was on Friday, generator is up and running. AME has been billed out, Frontier needs to finish the overhead part, then it is complete, possible fee from Frontier. Sumner or spring take over the overhead service mask on the roof line. Maintenance plan for the generator needs to be added with other city generators.
PERA check came back in the mail; must come from a governing body.
Snow clean up around the hall needs to be better, behind the hall and front of the station reported Fire Chief Goede.
- Parks – closed for the season.
- Water/Sewer – discussion on utility bills, utility billing was today.



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- Public Works – Bobcat is back from repairs, have not received the bill yet.
Plowed a path at the Lagoons.
Order OSHA complaint gas cans for PW.
Paul widened out 62nd and Hilda, clean out the curbs tomorrow when it is soft, scrap anything off the roads you can.
Make sure the City Hall back door, front area and the side by the FD garage.
- Sheriff Report – November 2025, reviewed.
- Misc – nothing additional.
- Clerk Report –
MN Paid Leave – received letter and we are a large employer.
Attorney has updated the Personnel Policy with changes to reflect the MN Paid Leave.
Officer Hendriks may be still serving New Germany.
Reviewed the Organization Summary for the first January meeting – made changes.
Starting the year end reports, submitted all information for the Workman comp audit.
Interest has been expressed in the possible part-time position as my retirement approaches in 2027. I will meet with the interested candidates to discuss the role. If we choose to proceed forward with hiring, the position will be formally posted.
Out of the office on December 18th, 24th, & 31st.
- Building Permit – no update.

6. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of December 2, 2025, Council Minutes
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of Financial Reports

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

7. Old Business

- Misc – nothing additional.

8. Mayor City Council Reports

- Council member Kevin Grove – No comment.
- Council member Thomas Mielke – no comment.
- Council member Paul Roepke – no comment.
- Council member Lorn Hermann – no comment.
- Mayor Shirley Jaeger – Nuvera letter stating the rates are increasing. Breakfast with Santa free will donation was \$1,100.00.

9. Adjourn City Council Meeting – Grove moved and Herrmann second adjourning the meeting at 7:47 PM. The motion carried. 5/0

Respectfully submitted by Twyla Menth.