



**CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
JANUARY 20, 2026 – 7:00 PM**

1. Opening Items

- Call meeting to Order – **Mayor Shirley Jaeger called the Council meeting to order at 7 PM.**
- Roll Call – **Mayor Shirley Jaeger, Council Members: Lorn Herrmann, Paul Roepke, Thomas Mielke, Kevin Grove was absent.**
Others present; Ryan Goede Fire Chief, Eric Ropeke with Parks, Ron Eiden (resident), and Twyla Menth City Clerk

2. Approval of Agenda

- Consider Approval of Agenda – **Roepke moved and Mielke second approving the agenda. The motion carried. 4/0**

3. Public Comment Period

Ron Eiden was present to discuss the alley, looking for a solution for the water issues. Roepke suggested to move forward with the catch basin and regrade the alley in the spring; revisit when the weather is favorable (spring).

4. Business items or New Business – nothing additional.

5. Officers’/Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report – Lester Prairie Fire Department contacted Chief Goede about their ISO rating, not enough water capabilities in the event of structure fires, the automatic mutual aid agreement states we will supply automatic mutual aide to Lester Prairie in the event of a structural fire; NGLFD would supply water in this type of event.
Roepke moved and Herrmann second approving the automatic mutual aid contract with Lester Prairie. The motion carried. 4/0
Chief Goede explained the types of equipment surrounding cities have available for mutual aid situations.
- Parks
 - Eric was present to discuss the option of Mayer Lutheran placing a shed at Lindstrom Park for their equipment; 8 x 12 shed, place by the first base line. The Mayer Lutheran wood class shop will build the shed. **Roepke moved and Herrmann second approving the storage shed donated from Mayer Lutheran. The motion carried. 4/0**
 - Baseball Park flag quote – **Herrmann moved and Mielke second approving the flag & equipment quote. The motion carried. 4/0**
- Water/Sewer – utility billing tomorrow, People Service 4th Quarter report was reviewed.
- Public Works – nothing additional.
- Sheriff Report – monthly report included.
- Misc – nothing additional.
- Clerk Report
 - Annual Indebtedness report – reviewed.
 - Complaint Pay Equity Report – reviewed.
 - Continue working on the year end reports; about 5-6 left.
 - Working on the 2026 FD contracts.
 - Ordered new calculator for the office; other one keys are not working correctly.
 - Auditor here January 27 & 28.
 - Discussion on future office help, no action taken, discussion only.
- Building Permit – Metronet Right of Way permit; \$125.

6. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of January 6, 2026, Council Minutes
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of Financial Reports

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

7. Old Business

- **Roepke moved and Mielke second approving the Clerk to carry over 20.61 vacation hours into 2026. The motion carried. 4/0**



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8. Mayor City Council Reports

- Council member Kevin Grove – no comments.
- Council member Thomas Mielke – no comments.
- Council member Paul Roepke – no comments.
- Council member Lorn Hermann – no comments.
- Mayor Shirley Jaeger – no comments.

9. Adjourn City Council Meeting – Roepke moved and Mielke second adjourning the meeting at 7:45 PM. The motion carried. 4/0

Respectfully Submitted by Twyla Menth, City Clerk.