

**CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 17, 2026 – 7:00 PM**

**1. Opening Items**

- Call meeting to Order – **Mayor Jaeger called the meeting to order at 7 PM.**
- Roll Call – Mayor Shirley Jaeger, Council Members; Thomas Mielke, Kevin Grove, Paul Roepke and Lorn Herrmann. Others present; City Auditor - Sara Oberloh, City Clerk - Twyla Menth, FD/Public Works - Chris Barlau.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

- Consider Approval of Agenda – **Grove moved and Mielke 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 –**

- 2025 Audit – The City Auditor Sara Oberloh presented the 2025 Audit findings, Sara explained on the Fire Truck interfund loan and how this is reflected in the audit, Council and Sara had a discussion on the interfund loan. Seal coat fund was an 8K short, balanced from the General fund, this is reflected in the audit. The deficit in the seal coat project was from an unscheduled crack repair on 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, cracks were past the 1.5” and needed to be addressed sooner than planned. All other findings were all within the normal audit. Sara and Council had a discussion on clerk transition options when the time comes.  
**Roepke moved and Grove second approving the 2025 Audit as presented. The motion carried. 5/0.**
- Money Market Account – discussion on other money market interest rates, check the requirements for a municipality.
- Employee Review date – March 3, 2026, 6 PM.

**Officers’/Department/Staff Reports**

- Fire Department Report – draft of 2027 Fire Dept Township & City fire coverage contract amounts.
- Parks – New Germany signs are at Jake Floer, Jake will bring numbers for the signs.
- Water/Sewer – Utility billing is tomorrow.
- Public Works – OSHA Gas cans received and assembled, eyewash station will always be an issue, needs to be at 68 degrees.
  - Chris reported he had tried breaking up the ice on the curbing.
  - Eric received free pallet racking for the public works shed (UFC shed).
- Sheriff Report – included.
- Misc – nothing additional.
- Clerk Report – 2025 online payments processed was \$63,137.48.
  - 2025 Police refund is \$233.69.
  - Alley issue by Ron Eiden property; water running into his garage, Hennings came out and did a type of trench to deviate the water.
  - Garbage contract is getting closer to being completed.
- Building Permit – 714 Black Forest Road; basement finish.

**6. Consent Agenda**

- Consider Approval of February 3, 2026, Council Minutes
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of Financial Reports

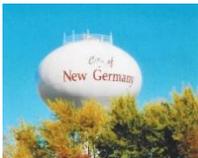
**Mielke moved and Grove second approving the consent agenda. The motion carried. 5/0**

The motion made on February 3, 2026, council meeting will need to be rescinded; on account of the LMC insurance requires the sewer lateral to be within 10 years for the additional sewer backup insurance coverage; the city sewer laterals are from 2012-2014.

**Roepke rescinded the additional sewer backup insurance coverage motion from February 3, 2026, minutes, Herrmann seconded. The motion carried. 5/0**

**7. Old Business**

- 2026 Project priority list – getting quotes for windows upstairs and the front door; front door needs repair.
- Insurance – discussed above.
- Miscellaneous – nothing additional.



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**8. Mayor City Council Reports**

- Council member Kevin Grove – nothing additional.
- Council member Thomas Mielke – nothing additional.
- Council member Paul Roepke – nothing additional.
- Council member Lorn Hermann – nothing additional.
- Mayor Shirley Jaeger – nothing additional.

**9. Adjourn City Council Meeting – Roepke moved and Herrmann second adjourning the meeting at 8:20 PM.  
The motion carried. 5/0**

Respectfully submitted by Twyla Menth, City Clerk