



Emergency Council Meeting May 13, 2026, 8 PM, New Germany City Office.

**Present:** Mayor Shirley Jaeger, Lorn Herrmann, Paul Roepke, Thomas Mielke, and Kevin Grove.

**Meeting was called to order by Mayor Shirley Jaeger at 8 PM.**

Clerk explained that Bobbie Harder called questioning if the city would accept \$6 million for the MN State Bonding funds (bonding bill).

Jessica Hedin with SEH, the city's wastewater engineer, was on speaker phone to explain the potential bonding bill funds of \$6 million.

Key points of conversation included adding the grant funds:

Bonding bill - \$6 million

Emmer grant - \$2.2 million

PSIG – 2.1 to 2.5 million (estimated)

Other smaller grant - \$500K (estimated), may be additional ones too.

Total - \$10,8000.00 – 11,200,000.00

Potential shortfall on \$12,600,000.00 project is \$1.8 – 1.4 million.

The Bonding bill funds are for 5 years and possible extension, Emmer grant funds no expiration. The bonding bill money may be used for construction use, design fees, equipment and engineering fees. If you pass on the bonding bill funds there is no guarantee when or if you will receive funds in the future. For the shortfall the city can do another bonding bill in 2027 for the 2028 budget cycle. It is SEH recommendation along with the lobbyist to receive the bonding funds.

**Grove moved and Mielke seconded approving reducing the original bonding bill of \$8 million to \$6 million. The motion carried. 5/0**

**Grove – yes, Mielke – yes, Herrmann – yes, Roepke – yes, Jaeger – yes.**

Council continued discussion on population size, and household sizes.

**Motion by Jaeger to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

Respectfully submitted by City Clerk Twyla Menth.