



**CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
APRIL 7, 2026 – 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; Paul Ropeke, Thomas Mielke, Lorn Herrmann, & Kevin Grove.**
- Others Present; Ryan Goede Fire Chief, Chris Barlau PW, Jim Borke PW, Twyla Menth City Clerk,

2. Approval of Agenda

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

- Special Permits
 - Fat Boyz patio music special permits (22) – **Herrmann moved and Mielke second approving Fat Boyz 22 special permits for music on the patio. The motion carried. 5/0**
 - T-Road – Car show/farmers market & Oktoberfest – Farmers Market vendors that have baked goods will supply their cottage license, any other vendors with license shall supply a copy to the city. **Roepke moved and Mielke second approving T-Road special permits. The motion carried. 5/0**
- Land Use Application from Carver County, Dan & Jennifer Mielke – City Council has no concerns with the land application for a business on Dan & Jen Mielke's property.
- Miscellaneous – nothing additional.

Officers'/Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report – applied for McLoed Grant, received grant for \$1,500.00, grant funds to be used for purchase of a CPR manikin, remainder will come out of training budget or apply for more grants. **Mielke moved and Grove second to use the budget training funds to purchase the manikins. The motion carried. 5/0**
 - DNR grant received \$5,000 for turn out gear; Lakeland Gear will be coming out to size the fire fighters; this is a matching grant. May need to purchase 5-6 sets, depending on what the guys will be getting. The new firefighters have not completed all the training required; turn-out sets are usually ordered when all training is completed. **Grove moved and Herrmann second for the Fire Chief to use his judgement on the number of Turn Out Gear sets to order. The motion carried. 5/0.**
 - Annual testing, servicing on the trucks; maintenance that was not done last year is \$6,000 that will be done this year. New truck issues: Engine 11 has a major leak, Tanker 12 an air leak, Grass 11 pumper has another severe leak; more expenses are expected.
 - Winsted Fire – New Germany's future truck replacement budgeted \$130,000, Winsted has the exact same truck, only difference in trucks Winsted ordered a diesel; cost was \$160,000. Need to budget \$150,000 or so for the truck. Truck purchasing plan; 1 year of planning, ordering it will be a 3–4-year process. Will need to update the FMP at budgeting time.
- Parks – viewed Lindstrom Park Sign designs, cost will be \$1000-\$1200.00. Baseball design was chosen for the Lindstrom Park sign.
 - Lester Prairie will be hosting ball games at the park.
 - In July Winsted will be playing 3-4 games, one day game.
- Water/Sewer – nothing additional.
- Public Works – Chris reported the fence will be up soon at Lindstrom, and Mayer Lutheran will be cleaning up Lindstrom Park.
 - Eric picked up parts for the bathroom, may need to pick up additional parts.
 - PW will be cleaning the plow, salt spreader, the skid loader has been cleaned up and put on the cold storage side.
 - Lawn mower will be serviced, documenting servicing.
- Sheriff Report – monthly report reviewed.
- Miscellaneous – nothing additional.



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- Clerk Report – Seasonal lawn mowing; advertise. Council asked Jim Borka if he was willing to continue with the city, if not will advertise for the position.
 - Xcel will be testing electrical poles in Spring – Summer.
 - Fence zoning permit was issued; 220 State Avenue S.
 - 2027 Sheriff contract; preliminary is showing a 7.5% increase for 2027.
 - The clerk will be out of the office starting the week starting on April 20, for a medical procedure, hoping to return to the office on Monday April 27th. Water billing will be done on Thursday April 16 or Friday, April 17. Hours will be posted, and emails and voicemails will be checked when able. The May 5 meeting may be canceled if there are few agenda items.
- Building Permit – deck permit @ 571 Park Street E.

6. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of March 17, 2026, Council Minutes – add Thomas Mielke to roll call.
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of Financial Reports
- Resolution 2026-04 Adopt the Carver County Hazard Mitigation Plan
Mielke moved and Roepke second, approving the consent agenda with adding Thomas Mielke to the roll call to the March 17 minutes. The motion carried. 5/0.

7. Old Business

- Cady Technologies system – People Service Omni quote for lift station. **Grove moved and Roepke second approving the Omni quote for replacing the lift station alarm. The motion carried. 5/0**
- Investing funds – Ehlers present April 21.
- First Street Construction – updated Hall window project quote; quote was not back by meeting time.
- Miscellaneous – fix the curb in the front of the office; Tim Ross will be supplying quote.
- Commercial Club ordered six banners for the poles celebrating America 250 years; City will receive the bill, and Commercial Club will pay the city.

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 – Grove moved and Herrmann second adjourning the meeting at 7:43 PM. The motion carried.5/0.

Respectfully submitted by Twyla Menth, City Clerk- Treasurer