



**CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 2, 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 Roepke, Lorn Herrmann, Thomas Mielke, Kevin Grove.**

Others Present; Representative Bobbie Harder, Allison Streich with Carver County CDA, Jim Borke Public Works, Chris Barlau Fire Dept and Public Works, and the city clerk.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

- Consider Approval of Agenda – Matt Steen rescheduled and Representative Bobbie Harder was added. **Mielke moved and Roepke second approving the agenda with changes. The motion carried. 4/0 (Grove absent currently).**

**3. Public Comment Period**

Open Public Comment Period – Comments are limited to 5 minutes.

**4. Business items or New Business –**

- State Representative Bobbie Harder reported the following.  
Representative Harder distributed a newsletter summarizing the 2026 session. Harder said she will continue pursuing a future bonding bill for New Germany to help close the funding gap for the wastewater project. Harder also emphasized the need to address fraud, discussed the state system used for program administration, and noted that funding has been set aside to modernize that system and reduce fraudulent errors. In addition, Harder highlighted the importance of funding HCMC because of its critical role in the healthcare system, and mentioned the one-year temporary reduction on vehicle tabs. The Council thanked Harder for attending and the update.
- Allison Streich, Carver County CDA – Executive Director of Carver County CDA, their mission is to provide affordable housing for the public. Allison reported on the following Carver County programs the CDA offers.
  - Sr Housing currently includes four developments with 226 units.
  - There are five subsidized housing developments with 277 units.
  - The New Beginnings program supports teenagers who are becoming parents and are in the need of housing. CDA purchased a triplex with commercial space on the ground floor to expand housing options.
  - The CDA partners with Southern Valley Alliance on a transitional housing program and offers four rental assistance programs in Carver County.
  - CDA offers the Carver County Land trust program, and a sub-surface sewage treatment system with low interest rates for Carver County residents.
  - The Minnesota City Participation Program (MCP) issues mortgage revenue bonds on behalf of cities in the state to identify local housing needs. This program assists Carver County residents who are first time home buyers obtain affordable financing to purchase a home.
  - The Community Growth Partnership Initiative (CGPI) provides community development and predevelopment grants.
  - The Next Stage this program connects Carver County entrepreneurs with business advisors at every stage of their development.
  - New program is the First-Generation Home Buyer Program assists people who are first in their family to purchase a home.
  - The senior rehabilitation program provides grants of up to \$25,000 for structural improvements. The grant is forgiven over time and prorated if the homeowner moves before the term ends. Allison also continued explaining grant programs.
- Miscellaneous - Trophy Lakes – Brief discussion on ordinances pertaining to SSTS and wells.



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**Officers’/Department/Staff Reports**

- Fire Department Report –
  - Asst Chief Barlau reported at the last fire department meeting, Chief Goede explained that the skid unit will need to be purchased as a new truck is not an option at this time.
  - Asst Chief Barlau raised a discussion about gambling operations involving employees and non-employees. Council noted that the position should be offered to an internal candidate first.
- Parks – new flags received, netting on back order yet. Girls League last night at Lindstrom, Men’s games are scheduled, and Chopper is tentatively scheduled to host games.
- Water/Sewer – new fan motor in electrical box by Water Tower.
- Public Works –
  - Grass seeding is ongoing in areas and placing mulch around trees. Council discussed the removal of trees at Lindstrom; Lorn will get a quote. Pine trees by baseball parks are also looking dead, trees in Kilbane will be trimmed.
  - Barlau questioned the hours on lawn mower and when the hydraulic and oil should be changed; Grove will check with Matt.
  - Jim Borka said he has enjoyed working with the city, but with previous back issues lawnmowing aggravates the issue. Jim also explained family responsibilities are calling and that he will be busy with tractors through February. June 30 will be Jim’s last day with the city.
- Sheriff Report – no report this meeting.
- Miscellaneous – nothing additional.
- Clerk Report –
  - Clerk provided filing information for affidavits of candidacy. Filings for Mayor (2-year term), and two council seats (4 year-term), will be open from July 14, 2026 -July 28, 2026, at 5 PM. The withdrawal deadline is July 30, 2026. These offices appear on the ballot at the General Election on November 3, 2026.
  - Received notification from Carver County that the assessment contract will have a 9.6% increase in 2027. Prosecution contracts will also have increases for 2027.
  - Ehlers and SEH will attend the June 16 meeting; bonding bill information will be provided.
- Building Permit – no permits.

**6. Consent Agenda**

- Consider Approval of May 19, 2026, Council Minutes
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of Financial Reports
- Resolution 2026-08 Authorization Participation in the Met Council’s Small Communities Planning Program for Assistance with Preparation of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan

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

**7. Old Business**

- Miscellaneous – nothing additional.

**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 8:00 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

Respectfully submitted by Twyla Menth, City Clerk