



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

1. Opening Items

- Call meeting to Order – **Mayor Shirley Jaeger call the meeting to order at 7 PM.**
- Roll Call – **Mayor Shirley Jaeger, Council Members; Thomas Mielke, Kevin Grove and Lorn Herrmann.**
Others Present – Ryan Goede Fire Chief, Chris Barlau Fire Chief and Public Works, Twyla Menth City Clerk.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Public Comment Period

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

4. Business items or New Business –

- FD temporary liquor license for the ball tournament – **Grove moved and Mielke seconded approving the FD temporary liquor license for the annual ball tournament. The motion carried. 4/0**
- Special permits for Fat Boyz patio music on July 19 and July 24 – **Mielke moved and Grove seconded approving the Fat Boyz special permits for amplified patio music on July 19 and July 24, 2026. The motion carried. 4/0**
- GSOC rate changes – **Herrmann moved and Grove seconded approving the Gopher State One Call rate increase of \$0.05 per ticket, effective January 1, 2027. The motion carried. 4/0**

Officers’/Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Update
 - Chief Goede reported retirement letters from John Lenarz and Ria Roland and recommended approving both retirements. John served more than 20 years, and Ria served 20 years. **Mielke moved and Grove seconded approving the retirements of John Lenarz and Ria Roland effective August 1, 2026. The motion carried. 4/0**
 - The \$2,200 CenterPoint grant was received, and the EV blanket has been ordered.
 - The State Fire Marshal’s office conducted an in-depth survey covering personnel, firefighter ages, trucks, certifications, gear, aid, annual budget, and training.
 - Fire Academy begins August 5 for Firefighter I training. The city pays upfront and is reimbursed by the state; recent training has been held in Jordan.
 - Truck maintenance included an \$11,443.52 Emergency Apparatus bill and an upcoming \$336 lighting bill. The tanker and Engine 12 did not pass the pump test, with estimated repairs of \$19,609.41. Chief Goede reviewed the repairs needed and will prioritize them. **Grove moved and Herrmann seconded approving the fire truck repair list. The motion carried. 4/0**
 - Council reviewed concerns about non-city employees having keys and access to city buildings. Chief Goede shared Gambling Board guidance, and the consensus was to give internal candidates priority if anyone is interested in the position.
 - Discussion addressed department growth challenges, recruitment of new firefighters, and equipment needs.
- Parks – Chris is assisting at the baseball park while Eric is out for a medical procedure.
 - Community Service painted the shed during the last weekend of June.
 - Yellow paint will be ordered from Menards.
 - Community Service will trim weeds along the curbs.
 - Chris is using Eric’s equipment to remove weeds.
- Water/Sewer – nothing additional.
- Public Works
 - The part-time public works applicant’s background check has been completed. **Grove moved and Mielke seconded accepting the part-time public works applicant for mowing and possible snow plowing. The motion carried. 4/0**
- Sheriff Report - nothing additional.
- Miscellaneous – nothing additional.
- Clerk Report – Tour De Tonka notification received for August 1, 2026.
 - Southern Valley Alliance requested National Night Out donations of gift cards and personal care items.
 - Council received printed information on sewer cash flow and the bonding bill.
 - The dust coating quote for Parks and the alley was presented. **Herrmann moved and Grove seconded approving the dust coating quote from Dan Widmer. The motion carried. 4/0**
 - Public Accuracy Testing (PAT) for election equipment will be held at Carver County on July 21, 2026, at 10:00 AM.
- Building Permit - Grove’s Automotive addition.



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6. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of June 16, 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. 4/0

7. Old Business

- Miscellaneous – Discussion on stop sign on County Road 30 and 33; semis are blowing through the stop sign.

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 7:49 PM. The motion carried. 4/0

Respectfully submitted by Twyla Menth, City Clerk.

7/21 – Jessica Hedin with SEH