



CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 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; Lorn Herrmann, Paul Roepke, Thomas Mielke. Absent; Kevin Grove.**
- Others Present; Jessica Hedin with SEH Wastewater Engineer, Chris Barlau Public Works & Fire Department, Twyla Menth City Clerk.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

- Jessica Hedin with SEH presented information on the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) approach for the wastewater facility project. The State of Minnesota approved CMAR for municipal projects in 2023. The process uses two steps—qualifications and proposals—to provide the city with a guaranteed project price.
 - CMAR Process:
 1. Plan – define projects goals and requirements.
 2. Design – design in process.
 3. CMAR Engagement – CMAR brought in early, provides constructability, cost input, and planning.
 4. Collaborate – team collaborates to optimize design, budget, and schedule.
 5. Guarantee Max Price – CMAR provides GMP with transparency and confidence.
 6. Construct – construction begins with aligned team.

CMAR emphasizes best value, innovation, and long-term project success. SEH can meet the expertise requirements, and committees are formed with scoring criteria established in advance to help narrow the project options. Engineers complete the design, while CMAR provides real-time cost information and identifies best-value options. Roles include CMAR, design engineers, and owner approval input. CMAR charges a pre-construction fee; construction support costs are a lump sum, and there is also a construction fee, which is typically not a significant percentage of construction costs. The CMAR approach is intended to minimize change orders and related fees while improving collaboration, risk management, and confidence that the city receives the best value. CMAR, the engineers, and the city can establish a budget, and CMAR would configure the project to stay within that amount by identifying ways to remain on budget. Council continued discussing options with Jessica.

New Wastewater Project cost estimate from SEH - \$12,4 million, includes 30% cost contingency.
- Frontier – Communication Network information (informational only), no action taken, reviewed only.

Officers’/Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report – Assistant Fire Chief Chris Barlau provided the Fire Department report. Mcleod County Power provided training on electrical line safety. Tested generator and everything worked as it should.
- Parks – new Lindstrom sign is installed. Shirley reported there are 3 Men’s games left, and this completes the season.
- Water/Sewer – utility bill sent out on July 20th.
- Public Works – Chris Barlau provided the report for Public Works; There is not much activity currently.
 - The Fire Department beer trailer was moved back into the city shed. Eric has scheduled a bagger type mower for Tuesday or Wednesday evening.
 - Games were held last weekend with Wayzata, Kimball, and the girls’ team. They were all impressed with the fields, bathrooms, concession stands, and park for a small town.
 - Paul will purchase mosquito spray and spray the areas for mosquitos.
- Sheriff Report – included.
- Miscellaneous – Nothing additional.
- Clerk Report – Public accuracy testing of the election equipment was conducted today at Carver County and went well. Election training will be completed online, as the first in-person training is tomorrow at noon and head judge training is scheduled for the 30th at 8 PM.
 - A second weed/lawn letter was sent to 440 Park Street E on July 21, 2026. I will also hand-deliver the letter after the Council meeting. The resident has until the 27th to comply. If the property is not brought into compliance, the city will charge \$75 per hour for equipment and \$20 per hour for labor to clean up the property, and the resident will be billed for these services.



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- 2027 Budget – Clerk is in the process of compiling 2027 numbers, will email to the other departments for input and then to Council, will need a budget meeting in August.
- Fire Department Tournament permit has been received from Carver County; the temporary liquor license has been received for the event.
- Reminder: the affidavit of candidacy filing period is July 14–28 for those up for election. Please submit your filing packet by then; the withdrawal deadline is July 30.
- Building Permit – no report.

6. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of July 7, 2026, Council Minutes
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment Consider Approval of Financial Reports
- Amendment to Resolution 2026-05

Mielke moved and Roepke second approving the consent agenda. The motion carried. 4/0

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 – Herrmann moved and Roepke second adjourning the meeting at 8:34 PM.
The motion carried. 4/0

Respectfully submitted by Twyla Menth, City Clerk.