



**CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 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 Shirly Jaeger, Council Members; Lorn Herrmann, Paul Roepke, Thomas Mielke, & Kevin Grove.**
- Others Present; Ben Wieman, Chris Barlau with Public Works, Devin Lilienthal, & Twyla Menth City Clerk.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

- Ben Wieman – Ben introduced himself as a District 17B candidate for the Minnesota House. Raised on a dairy farm near Arlington, he said his family has worked on the same land for five generations, dating back to 1886. He said his upbringing taught him the value of hard work and strong communities. Ben supports agriculture, education, fairness, small businesses, veterans, affordable health care, fully funded public schools, and farming.
 - LMC Liability Coverage Waiver Form – **Mielke moved and Grove seconded approval of the option not to waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minn. Stat. § 466.04. The motion carried 5/0.**
 - TNT Date – **Grove moved and Roepke seconded approval of the Truth in Taxation date of December 1, 2026. The motion carried 5/0.**
- Property Schedule Insurance Review – Council reviewed.

Officers’/Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report – no report.
- Parks – Devin Lilienthal discussed with Council the options for the playground equipment from Tonka Bay. Council and Lilienthal discussed the removal plan, including the need for volunteers to help. They also discussed where to place the equipment and decided to store it as close as possible to its future location; Lindstrom Park.
- Water/Sewer – The report was included in the packet. Well #1 was exercised, which caused a temporary increase in iron levels. Hydrants were flushed to address the issue, and the system is operating normally.
- Public Works
 - Working on mulching trees at baseball park.
 - Rinsing out trash cans at Lindstrom for the year.
 - Bring the picnic tables to the city shed for cold storage and work on them through the winter, replacing the wood with green treated.
 - UTV – purchase a used UTV for the city, Lanos has three, Paul has not been to Lano’s yet to review the UTV’s.
- Sheriff Report – included in packet.
- Clerk Report – Questioned if Council knew a date on the cement repair in front of City Hall; no date yet.
 - Light poles 50, 53 and 45 were reported to Xcel Energy for repairs.
 - Received free speed bumps from Carver County, Paul picked up and they are in the cold storage at the City Shed.
 - Working on the EAB (Emerald Ash Borer) grant.
- Building Permit – 100 State Avenue S roof permit and fire alarm permit, 250 Lincoln roof permit, 712 Black Forest window permit. MetroNet ROW permit for a 45’ new line drop, \$125.

6. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of August 4, 2026, Council Minutes (no meeting August 18, 2026).
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of Financial Reports

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



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7. Old Business

- 2027 Budget – Ehlers will be present on the 15th of September.
- Janitor Application – The City received one application for City Hall janitorial services. The applicant is also willing to assist with snow plowing and mowing as needed. **Grove moved and Herrmann seconded approval of the janitor applicant, contingent on a successful background check. The motion carried 5/0.**
 - Reviewed the janitorial job description, including wage details and made revisions.
 - Reviewed the City Hall rental contract and revised the provisions on permitted uses and damage deposits.
- Variance Public Hearing date – September 22, 2026, 7 PM, will hold in the basement of City Hall.
- Website Quote – **Herrmann moved and Grove seconded approval of the Wix website quote for \$1,999, plus \$960 for three years of hosting. The motion carried 5/0.**
- Miscellaneous
 - City Hall tables & Chairs - Purchase 6 lifetime 8'ft tables \$109.00 each plus tax from Sam's Club and Jim will pick up on Wednesday 9/3/2026.

8. Mayor City Council Reports

- Council member Kevin Grove – Red truck with expired tabs on Monroe Street, trailer on Black Forest for days, truck for sale in the grass on State Avenue S, follow through on previous letters sent on vehicles if not removed; send letters or ticket.
- Council member Thomas Mielke – no report.
- Council member Paul Roepke – no report.
- Council member Lorn Hermann – getting quotes for City Hall upper-level wood floor refurbish.
- Mayor Shirley Jaeger – no report.

9. Adjourn City Council Meeting – Grove moved and Roepke seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted by Twyla Menth, City Clerk-Treasurer