



**CITY OF NEW GERMAN- CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 2026 – 7 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, & Kevin Gorve.**
- Others Present – Ryan Goede Fire Chief, Twyla Menth City Clerk.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Consider Approval of Agenda – Add Resolution 2026-14 Gambling Funds Donation to the consent agenda.
Grove moved and Roepke seconded the addition of Resolution 2026-14. 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

- 2027 Prosecution Contract – Increase of \$280.00 from 2026. **Grove moved and Herrmann seconded approving the 2027 Prosecution contract with Carver County. The motion carried. 5/0**
- LG220 Ducks Unlimited Bingo application for Oktoberfest – **Mielke moved and Grove seconded approving the Bingo Application. The motion carried. 5/0**
- 2027 Contract for Police Services – Increase of \$1,748.00, from 2026. **Grove moved and Roepke seconded approving the 2027 Police contract for services with Carver County. The motion carried. 5/0.**
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5. Officers' / Department / Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report – Chief Goede attended and provided the following updates.
 - MacQueen serviced several items; an invoice is forthcoming.
 - Alex Air certified the air packs; an invoice is forthcoming.
 - Central Fire is expected to complete the annual fire extinguisher certification.
 - Attendance at October 3, 2026, 125th anniversary dance was low.
 - Ehlers requested cost estimates for long-range fire truck purchases. Fire Chief Goede and the Council discussed future vehicle needs, including whether to purchase new or used and which truck should be the highest priority. Chief Goede would like a truck replacement plan and a defined budget. If a Grass Rig/Rescue combination is purchased, the Fire Department would eventually eliminate one truck. The Council requested pricing for both new and used options for comparison and will revisit the matter at the next meeting. Herrmann asked that any suitable used truck be brought to the Council for review.
 - County Road 33/Highway 7 will have round a bout in 2028. There are also planned culverts to be placed; Ryan will request a way to get across without having to go around to the North of Hwy 7.
 - Christmas Bags – FD will take care of expense.
- Parks – all playground equipment is here.
- Water/Sewer – Water Tower outside cleaning quote.
Grove moved and Roepke seconded approving \$8,900 exterior water tower cleaning quote. The motion carried, 5-0.
- Public Works – Discussed mowing and snowplow rotations, including snowplowing responsibilities.
- Sheriff Report – nothing additional.
- Clerk Report – The City received a refund from Cady and canceled the contract. The City will switch to Metronet, with estimated monthly service costs of \$162.50 for all locations, compared with \$999.72 per month for Frontier.
 - The website is nearly complete.
 - First Street Construction has begun replacing the upper hall windows.
 - Jessica Hedin and Justin Black of SEH will attend on October 20.
 - The City is required to attend six monthly Safety Group meetings. The Clerk attends meetings relevant to her duties and must also attend Safety Committee meetings held before the Safety Group meetings. If unable to attend, she must arrange a virtual meeting or designate a substitute. The same requirement applies to Chris for Public Works Safety Group meetings; Chris has not been attending. LMC/OSHA requires attendance at all six meetings and maintenance of attendance records in case OSHA requests them. LMC attended the most recent meeting and will also attend the October 8 meeting in Delano, which the Clerk will attend from 8 a.m. to noon.



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5. Officers’/Department/Staff Reports cont’d

- Building Permit – 1, ROW permit Xcel Energy, Grove’s Auto.

6. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of September 15, 2026, Council Minutes
- Consider Approval of Variance Public Hearing, September 22, 2026
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of Financial Reports
- Consider Approval of Resolution 2026-12, A Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the General Election.
- Consider Approval of Resolution 2026-13, A Resolution Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan (PERA increase)
- Consider Approval of Resolution 2026-14, A Resolution Approving Gambling Funds \$000.00 for the Parks Capital Fund.

Roepke moved and Herrmann seconded approving the consent agenda. The motion carried. 5/0

7. Old Business

- Janitor Position – no applications. Sandy Herrmann may be interested in February of 2027.
- Miscellaneous
 - Tennis Court quote – Henning Excavating, put on hold for now, until layout is confirmed .
 - Painting hall quote – **Grove moved and Mielke seconded approving the hall paint quote. The motion carried. 5/0**

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 – Businesses are interested in advertising banners for the main street when Christmas lights go up; Council will discuss.

9. Adjourn City Council Meeting – Grove moved and Mielke seconded adjourning the meeting at 8:15 PM. The motion carried. 5/0

Respectfully submitted by Twyla Menth, City Clerk