

CITY OF NEW GERMANY- CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 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; Paul Roepke, Thomas Mielke, Lorn Herrmann.***
- Others Present – Ryan Goede Fire Chief, Chris Barlau Fire Chief, Twyla Menth City Clerk

2. Approval of Agenda

Consider Approval of Agenda – **Mielke moved and Roepke seconded. 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

- 2026 SEH supplemental services agreement – The budget will increase from $8,000 to $12,000. **Herrmann moved to approve the $4,000 engineering services increase, and Roepke seconded. The motion carried, 4/0.**

5. Officers'/Department/Staff Reports

- Fire Department Report
  - Ryan Goede attended the October 8, 2026, Hollywood Township meeting to discuss the roundabout north of New Germany. A four- to five-month closure starting in spring 2028 will divert all Highway 7 traffic through New Germany. Chief Goede will be notified if the route becomes impassable; north-south access is expected to remain open.
  - Annual fire extinguisher recertification was finished last Tuesday.
  - New firefighters are attending Firefighter I training, and two have passed.
  - The skid unit, located in Lester Prairie, does not meet the required specifications.
  - Truck maintenance by Emergency Apparatus remains pending. Parts are available, and service is expected soon.
  - Water use on October 10, 2026, totaled approximately 4,000 gallons.
  - No fire truck committee report is available because the Fire Department has not yet met. The department is focusing primarily on used trucks and will review options further at its November meeting.
- Parks – no report.
- Water/Sewer
  - Utility billing was finalized on October 19, 2026.
  - Meter radio heads experiencing battery problems will be replaced to enable automatic readings.
  - October utility bills include the increased garbage rate.
- Public Works
  - Snowplowing: Chris will cover light dustings, while Jim Menth, Jim Borka, and Nathan Roepke will take turns handling normal snowfall.
  - Volleyball-area sand removal is on hold pending completion of the CAD work. After grading, excess sand will be removed, with some potentially retained to meet fall-zone requirements.
  - Chris reported Eric R.'s request for four fire extinguishers: one for the baseball park, one for the concession stand, and two for the Public Works generator and fuel tank areas.
  - Fire Department gambling records will be handled under a Shred-it contract using 96-gallon containers.
- Sheriff Report – Quarterly and monthly report included; Council Reviewed.
- Clerk Report
  - 2027 Budget – Staff will assess the need for additional meetings and recommend next steps to the Council.
  - The Halloween party is scheduled for October 24, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., in the basement.
  - Letters were mailed today to property owners with recurring delinquencies. Balances remaining unpaid by November 4 will be included in a resolution assessing them to property taxes.
  - The 2050 Comprehensive Plan kickoff meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at the City Office.
  - Contract records are being reviewed for disposal eligibility. Tables of contents listing destruction dates are being prepared for the three contract books.
  - The Carver County 2027 Solid Waste Grant application is in progress.

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Clerk report cont'd

- Camden/New Germany PAT testing @ Carver County did not go well; long day.
- Building Permit – Plumbing permit; Grove's Auto.

6. Consent Agenda

- Consider Approval of October 6, 2026, Council Minutes
- Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
- Consider Approval of Financial Reports

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

7. Old Business

- Miscellaneous – nothing additional.

8. Mayor City Council Reports

- Council member Kevin Grove – absent.
- 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 – Mielke moved and Herrmann seconded adjourning the meeting at 7:35 pm. The motion carried. 4/0

Respectfully submitted by City Clerk Twyla Menth.