

**CITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, MAY 4, 26**

The City of Germantown Council met in work session on May 4, 2026 at 7:49 p.m. in the city building Council Chambers.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Mr. Jeffrey Jones, Mrs. Bonnie Koogle, Mr. Michael Kuhn, Mr. Rick Reed, Mr. Robert Rettich IV and Mr. Brian Wafzig. Mayor Terry Johnson arrived at 7:51 p.m.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Also present were Judy Gilleland, City Manager; Scott Davies, Law Director; Pat Shivley, Finance Director; Chip Wirrig, Service Department; Jonathan Moore, Service Director; Mike Roseberry, Property Maintenance; Chief Josh Forrer, Fire/EMS Department; Chief Matt Burns, Police Department; Kelli Sanders-Novak, Clerk of Council, and several visitors.

**BUSINESS:**

**Property tax discussion**

Mrs. Gilleland presented a summary of the city’s property tax revenue and discussed the implications of abolishment at a state level.

**Accident Cost recovery for Fire**

Chief Forrer discussed implementing legislation that would allow billing for materials used during vehicle accidents for nonresidents of the City and German Township.

**Utility Long Range Plan**

Mr. Moore discussed the future of our utilities throughout the city and how they are aging. There will be major improvements and projects needed in the future.

**Discussion of HB 247-Avery’s Law**

The Law Director discussed HB 247-Avery’s Law with Council. All agreed to have the codifier include the legislation. This legislation should be adopted with all the yearly codified changes.

**Solar Panels at Water Plant**

Greg Akers with Solar Power and Lighting gave a presentation to propose installing solar panels at the well field in Kercher Park. This would be free to the city, and the city would generate a minimal income. Council and Staff discussed the topic and had concerns with the visual aspect of the project. This topic will be discussed in the future.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting.

The work session adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kelli R. Sanders-Novak  
Clerk of Council

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Terry Johnson  
Mayor