

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
CITY OF BERLIN
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Schramer called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call present: Ald. Lehr, Page, Secora and Harke. Absent: Ald. Eastling and Erdmann. Staff present: Lindsey Kemnitz, Dennis Plantz, Matt Chier, Jodie Olson and Susan Thom.

There were no public comments.

First on the agenda was Raze or Repair order on 399 Lafayette Street. Jason Werch, 510 Sacramento St, owner and Fred Laude F&L Construction asked for an extension of 45 to 60 days to remove the home. Ald. Page moved to a 60-day extension for issuance of a raze or repair order on 399 Lafayette Street. Ald. Secora seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Next was Raze or repair order on 130 W Berlin Street. Lindsey Kemnitz reviewed that on April 11, 2016 a building permit was issued and no work has been done. Ald. Lehr moved to direct the City Attorney to issue a raze or repair order on 130 W Berlin Street. Ald. Harke seconded the motion. Ald. Page abstained from voting. Ald. Harke (Aye), Ald. Lehr (Aye), Ald. Secora (Aye) and Mayor (Aye). Motion carried.

Next was Vacant Building Registration Ordinance. Lindsey Kemnitz reviewed that some communities have a vacant building registration ordinance that requires every property owner that has a vacant building to allow access to the property for inspections. Ald. Harke moved to direct the City of Attorney to draft an ordinance pertaining to registration of vacant buildings based on the City of Milwaukee ordinance and not include single family residential properties. Ald. Secora seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

At 7:35 p.m. Secora moved to convene into closed session pursuant to Sec 19.85 (1)(e), of the WI Statutes, to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public property, investment of public funds or conduct other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. *(1) Union and non-union health plan renewal /post-retirement health insurance benefits.* Page seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in four (4) ayes, zero (0) nays and two (2) absent. Motion carried.

Secora moved to reconvene into open session at 8:02 p.m. Page seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote. No action was taken as a result of closed session discussions. Lehr moved to adjourn. Secora seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Susan Thom, Deputy Clerk