

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
CITY OF BERLIN
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 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, Erdmann, Secora and Harke. Absent: Ald. Page and Eastling. Staff present: Lindsey Kemnitz, Brian Malnory, Scott Zabel, Dennis Plantz, Matt Chier, Jodie Olson and Susan Thom.

First on the agenda was the Raze or Repair Order for 130 W Berlin St. Tim DeMaster, Retail Lending Manager of Fortifi Bank, requested a 60-extension of the raze or repair order for the property. Fortifi Bank has been unable to communicate with the owners and they need to time to investigate their legal rights to deal with this situation. Secora moved to recommend to Common Council to post pone the raze or repair order until the May Committee of the Whole meeting. Lehr seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Lindsey Kemnitz reviewed the progress of the property at 258 E Huron Street. Kemnitz along with the building inspector and Kathy Munsey from the Green Lake County Health Department inspected the property and found it to be above the 50% property value. Lehr moved to recommend to Common Council to remove the raze or repair order on 258 E Huron Street. Harke seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Ramon Velez Aleman, 152 N Capron Street, is considering purchasing 107 W Huron Street. Aleman would replace the roof by the end of 2018 and finish the interior over the winter of 2018-2019. Aleman requested the City of Berlin to remove the raze or repair order on this property. Discussion was continued in closed session.

Next was the Lead Water Lateral Replacement Ordinance. Brian Malnory presented to the Committee of the Whole the need to create an ordinance so that the City of Berlin is able to assess property owner for replacement of lead pipe lines. Lehr moved to direct the staff to draft an ordinance on lead water lateral replacement that can be review by the Common Council meeting on March 13, 2018. Secora seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

At 7:55 p.m. Ald. 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 and (2) Discussion on the ETZA contract agreement with the Town of Berlin and Town of Aurora* and if necessary, pursuant to Sec 19.85 (1) (g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved *(107 W. Huron Street possible litigation)*. Lehr seconded the motion. A roll call resulted in four (4) ayes, zero (0) nays, and two (2) absent. Motion carried. Secora moved to seat Lindsey for #1 & #3 in closed session discussion. Lehr seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Discussion continued in closed session.

Secora moved to reconvene into open session at 8:37 pm. Harke seconded the motion which carried by voice vote. No action was taken as a result of closed session discussions.

Secora moved to adjourn. Lehr seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Susan Thom, Deputy Clerk