

AGENDA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
CITY OF BERLIN
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018, 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. Roll Call.
2. General Public Comments. Registration card required (located at podium in Council Chamber).
3. Introduction of New Library Director and Library Update. RECOMMENDATION: No action required.
4. Review Ordinance on Storage of Abandoned, Junked & Unregistered Vehicles. RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and action as appropriate.
5. Claim on Unlawful and Excessive Assessment for 2017 Taxes for Historic Berlin School Apartments, LLC. RECOMMENDATION: Review Claim for Unlawful and Excessive Assessment by Historic Berlin School Apartments, LLC. *(This will also be discussed in closed session)*
6. Motion 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 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 be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved *(Review Claim for Unlawful and Excessive Assessment by Historic Berlin School Apartments, LLC)*
7. Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action as a result of closed session discussion.
8. Adjourn.

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Feb 9, 2018

The Mission of the Berlin Public Library

The mission of the Berlin Public Library is to provide materials and services which meet the educational, cultural, and recreational needs of the community while encouraging curiosity, free inquiry, and lifelong learning.

Long Range Goals and Objectives 2018-2022

- I. Build on the positive image of the library in the community to increase visibility of the library and its services.**
 - A. Use all forms of media to keep the public informed about the library, its collections, policies, procedures, and programs.
 - B. Foster cooperation with local and county governments and the Winnefox Library System.

- II. Identify our current and potential patron base to better serve our community.**
 - A. Encourage early literacy through contact with our preschools and daycares.
 - B. Continue to encourage reading with children by fostering cooperation between the library staff, school libraries, and teachers.
 - C. Help support the needs of the homeschooling community.
 - D. Continue to monitor the need for non-English language materials.
 - E. Continue to provide family programs and services.
 - F. Build upon relationships with businesses and organizations to enhance services.
 - G. Continue homebound services and outreach services.

- III. Streamline and strengthen the collection to meet the needs of library users in keeping with the following chosen roles:**
 - A. *Current Topics and Titles*- Reflect the changing needs of the community.
 - B. *Technology*- Provide patrons with access to current technology and help support patrons in the use of technology.
 - C. *Lifelong Learning*- Foster library use, nurture the love of reading, and provide entertainment and recreation opportunities among the community's citizens.
 - D. *Local History and Genealogy*- Maintain the local history collection and work with individuals, organizations, and the Berlin Historical Society to preserve important community historical records.

- IV. Explore additional sources of revenue for the library.**
 - A. Solicit and advocate for reimbursement of county level funds for resident library use.
 - B. Continue to encourage benefactors through public relations and personal contact.
 - C. Include capital improvement projects as needed in the Annual City Budget.
 - D. Encourage growth and development of the Friends of the Library.

- V. Technology**
 - A. Assess current technology and expand it where necessary.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JUNKED VEHICLES AND APPLICANES CODE

The Common Council of the City of Berlin do ordain as follows:

Sec. 70-312 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Berlin shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 70-312. – Storage restricted.

No disassembled, inoperable, unlicensed, junked or wrecked motor vehicles, truck bodies, tractors, trailers, farm machinery, seasonal vehicles such as snowmobiles, motorcycles, motor scooters, nonmotorized campers, or appliances shall be stored, unenclosed, outside a building upon private property within the city for a period exceeding ten days unless such storage is in connection with an authorized business enterprise located in a properly zoned area maintained in such a manner so as not to constitute a public nuisance.

Sec. 70-313 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Berlin shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 70-313. – Exceptions.

This division shall not apply to motor vehicles or motor vehicle accessories stored within an enclosed building or on the premises of a business enterprise operated in a lawful place and manner in a properly zoned area when necessary, to the operation of such business enterprise, in a storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner, ~~or seasonal use vehicles such as snowmobiles, motorcycles, motor scooters and nonmotorized campers, provided such vehicles are stored in compliance with ordinances.~~ Motor vehicles registered pursuant to Wis. Stats. §§ 341.265 and 341.266 shall also be exempt from the provisions of this division. In other situations the common council may issue temporary permits permitting an extension of not to exceed an additional 30 days' time to comply with the provisions of this division where exceptional facts and circumstances warrant such extension. Such temporary permits shall not be renewable.

This ordinance shall take effect the day after publication.

The numeric section numbers and headings shall be subject to modification in the discretion of the codifier, and the approval of the City Attorney, during codification into the City's current Code of Ordinances.

DATE: February 1, 2018

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Jodie Olson

RE: Claim for Unlawful and Excessive Assessment of 2017 Taxes for Historic Berlin School Apartments, LLC

BACKGROUND:

The Historic Berlin School Apartments, LLC has submitted a *Claim for Unlawful and Excessive Assessment* to challenge the 2017 assessment. Please see the attached documentation. The Assessor will be present for the discussion. We will have a closed session discussion to discuss options for action on the claim and be advised by the City Attorney. Any decision rendered will need to be in the form of a resolution approving or denying the claim.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and action as appropriate.