

MINUTES
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBER, BERLIN CITY HALL, 2ND FLOOR

Mayor Schramer called the Common Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call present: Ald. Lehr, Page, Erdmann, Secora, and Harke. Absentee: Ald. Eastling. Staff present: Matt Chier, Lindsey Kemnitz, Gary Podoll, Jodie Olson and Susan Thom.

Under general public comments, Daniel Hoppa voiced his concern about the walk/run permit approved without stipulation of insurance coverage, comment that was some things better said behind closed doors, and violations/citation issued with no prior communication from police department.

The following items were listed on the Consent Agenda for approval and adoption: 1) Waive the reading of all ordinances and resolutions adopted at this meeting; 2) Receive and place on file the written reports for the City Clerk, Treasurer, and Building Inspector; 3) Approve the minutes for the March 14, 2017 Common Council Meeting; 4) Accept the Plan Commission recommendation to approve the CUP for Saving Grace Salvage at 246 E. Park Avenue relating to allowing of storage and display in the parking lot area for special event purposes; 5) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to authorize the Street Superintendent to use up to \$14,779 to fix the underground sidewalk issue in the city right of way at 101 W. Huron Street subject to confirmation that the property owner will move the equipment out of the right of way space; 6) Approve the list of bills for payment. Ald. Erdmann moved to approve and adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Ald. Page seconded the motion. A roll call voted resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent. Motion carried.

Next was the Boys & Girls Club Bus Stop proposal. No representative from the Boys & Girls Club was able to attend. Ald. Page reviewed the proposed placement of the structure in regarding to the sidewalk and light pole. Jodie Olson suggested considering adopting a formal resolution which memorializes the understanding relative to future maintenance and repairs. Ald. Page moved to have a formal resolution to be presented at the next Common Council meeting. Ald. Erdmann seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was DNR used Fire Truck Acquisitions. Gary Podoll reviewed the purchase of a 2002 DNR truck with single axle (\$12,925) and 2002 DNR truck with duals (\$14,425) which is not adding any additional trucks. Podoll explained that with the sale of the old Jeep (\$7,750), old Command Truck (\$5,330), Skid Unit (\$3,600) and the balance from the 2017 Fire Department Budget (\$10,670) there will be no additional funds needed to purchase these vehicles. Ald. Lehr moved to accept the Police and Fire Commission recommendation to approve the acquisition of two used DNR Fire Trucks to be funded by sale proceeds of other department vehicles and the 2017 Fire Dept operating budget. Ald. Secora seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Lindsey Kemnitz gave an update on the 107 W. Huron Street property. Ald. Harke moved to have the Council to go ahead with the raze and repair order for the 107 W Huron Street. Ald. Erdmann seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Jodie Olson gave an update on the Riverside Park Campground Shower Project. The improvements are near final completion. Jerry Bella is working on the donor contribution sign which will be mounted to the building with sign title, donors names and the DNR stewardship sign. The campground is scheduled to open on May 13th. May 3rd, 2017 there will be a donor recognition and tour of the facility 160 W Waushara St. The Park & Rec Commission is requesting a representative of each organization that contributed and the Council Members is present.

Ald. Secora moved to approve bartender licenses for Cody Nial Fischer, Rachael Elizabeth Wolf, Debra Ann Hoppa and Audrey Genivieve Johnson. Ald. Page seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

There was no old business or new business.

Peter Dehne , VP Operations of Nelson Name Plate Company updated the Common Council with the expansion plans for the company regarding additional 75 to 100 new jobs.

Ald. Erdmann 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. *(Discussion on (1) RLF Loan Application request from Nelson Name Plate Company and (2) ETZA contract with Towns)*. Ald. Page seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent. Motion carried.

Ald. Erdmann moved to seat Lindsey Kemnitz for the closed session. Ald. Secora seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Ald. Secora moved to seat Jodie Olson for the closed session. Ald. Lehr seconded the motion which carried by voice vote. Discussion continued in closed session.

Ald. Lehr moved to convene into open session at 8:05 p.m. Ald. Erdmann seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Ald. Erdmann moved for a resolution authorizing a revolving loan fund loan in the amount of \$300,000.00 to Nelson Name Plate Company. Ald. Lehr seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent (Eastling). Motion carried.

Ald. Secora moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Ald. Lehr seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Susan Thom, Deputy Clerk