

MINUTES
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BERLIN CITY HALL, 2ND FLOOR

Mayor Schramer called the Common Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call present: Ald. Page, Lehr, Erdmann, Secora and Harke. Absent: Ald. Eastling. Staff present: Lindsey Kemnitz, Scott Zabel, Vicky Murphy, Susan Leahy, Robert Paugels, Kevin Block, Chad Krause, Timothy Jones, Matt Chier, Jodie Olson and Susan Thom.

Under general comments, Daniel Hoppa, 235 S Wisconsin St. commented the agenda for tonight meeting was not on the website. Hoppa reiterated his concerns of witnessing near collision of the corner of S. Washington St and Broadway and hope the City would look at the safety of that intersection. Hoppa expressed his concerns about the erratic driving by Police officer on August 22, 2017.

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 from the City Clerk, Treasurer, and Building Inspector; 3) Approve the minutes from the August 8 and August 29, 2017 Common Council meetings; 4) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to authorize staff to prepare a draft ordinance pertaining to inspections of vacant buildings; 5) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to authorize the City Administrator to sign the Engineering Services Contract Between the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, City of Berlin, and Kunkel Engineering Group, LLC for Project ID 6995-09-01 (City of Berlin, Ripon Road South Church Street to City Limits); 6) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to authorize Staff to move forward with refinancing the 2008 Bond Issue with Baird; 7) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the purchase of Cyber Policy coverage for \$256; 8) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the fifth amendment to the Development Agreement with State Bank of Chilton for the environmental remediation of TID#02E; 9) Approve the list of bills for payment. Erdmann made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Secora seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent. Motion carried.

Next item was Street Privilege permit for the Green Lake Area Animal Shelter Fall Brat Fry. Olson reviewed that the Green Lake Area Animal Shelter has applied for a street privilege permit to block off a portion of Fox Alley behind the Rendezvous Bar on September 30, 2017 for a Fall Brat Fry fundraiser. They have applied for a special picnic license to serve alcohol. Harke made a motion to approve the Street Privilege permit for Green Lake Area Animal Shelter Fall Brat Fry on September 30, 2017 from 11:00 am- 8:00 pm to block off an area of Fox Alley behind Rendezvous Bar. Page seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next item was Fire Inspections. Fire Chief Robert Paugels and Fire Inspector Devin O'Brien reviewed the process, procedures and laws governing fire inspections of vacant buildings. Paugels explained that the fire inspector needs to have permission to enter the building and only requirement is to make sure the premise is secure from unauthorized people. Chier and O'Brien will work on drafting ordinance for fire inspections of vacant buildings.

The item was discussion on sale of Caboose in S. Capron Street Parking Lot. Erdmann reviewed the history of the Caboose. The Caboose was purchased in Iowa in 2006 and has no historic value to the City of Berlin. Erdman and Lehr expressed the concern that the caboose is taking up valuable parking space. Discussion will be continued in closed session.

Next item was update on the raze or repair order for 258/260 E Huron Street. Jim Rosin, owner of Rosin Properties purchased the property 7 days prior to the meeting. Rosin applied for a building permit for repairs for new windows, doors, front and rear porch, and repair garage roof. Rosin plan is to complete these repairs by the end of November. Lehr made a motion to postpone the raze order until the December meeting to give Rosin time to complete the work. Erdmann seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Next item was special registration and appeal for vicious dogs. Olson reviewed that the ordinance pertaining to vicious dogs has a non-refundable administrative fee for an owner of a vicious dog determination to appeal to the Common Council and a special annual registration fee for dogs deemed vicious. These fees need to set by the Common Council. Murphy explained when a dog is deemed vicious there is extra monitoring and clerical work that the police and clerk office is required to do. Harke made a motion to set the fee for an appeal to the Common Council for a vicious dog at \$150 and a special annual registration fee for dogs deemed vicious at \$200. Page seconded the motion which carried by voice.

Next item was 2018 Taxi Grant. Olson reviewed that annually we apply for a taxi grant and receive state and federal funding for our taxi service. Erdmann made a motion to authorize Jodie to apply for the 2018 Small Urban operating assistance contract between the State of Wisconsin and the City of Berlin and the 2018 Urban Mass Transit operating assistance contract between the State of Wisconsin, Department of Transportation and the City of Berlin. Page seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Erdmann moved to accept the resignation of Tom Jensen for the Water & Sewer Commission effective immediately and a letter of Thanks sent to him for the years of service. Page seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Page moved to grant the bartenders licenses for Melissa Mae Bending, Andrea M Randall and Brianna Nicole Verdine. Secora seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

There was no old or new business.

At 7:40 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) Discussion on potential TID #15 Developers Agreement & (2) Union and non-union health/plan post-retirement health insurance benefits &(3) if necessary, discussion on negotiation strategy of Sale of Caboose*. Page seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0)

nays and one (1) absent. Motion carried. Secora moved to Cassie Bornick, Lindsey Kemnitz and Jodie Olson. Page seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Discussion continued in closed session.

Lehr moved to convene into open session at 8:25 p.m. Secora seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Erdmann made a motion after reviewing all options the council stay with United Health Care Plan offering dual choices with base plan featuring a \$3,500 single and \$7,000 family deductible and the buy up choice being the current \$2,000 single and \$4,000 family deductible plan. Secora seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Lehr made a motion to sell the Caboose with a minimum bid of \$5,000 which would include the removal of the tracks and foundation. Secora seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Page moved to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Secora seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Susan Thom, Deputy Clerk