

MINUTES  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BERLIN CITY HALL, 2<sup>ND</sup> 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, Matt Chier, Jodie Olson and Susan Thom.

Under general comment, Daniel Hoppa, 235 S Wisconsin St commented on the amount of overtime for the Berlin police officers.

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 October 10, 17 & 24 2017 Common Council meetings; 4) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the proposed Emergency Medical Services Director Job Description and authorize staff to move forward with filling the position; 5) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve and adopt the 2018 Ambulance Billing fee Schedule as presented; 6) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve and adopt Ordinance #0617 Further Amending the Provisions of Farmland Preservation Zoning Code; 7) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the tax refund for 274 N. Hunter Street for 2016 Assessor error and approval of Resolution #17-07 to authorize the transfer of \$883.14 from Contingency Account #10-59-9000-390 to Illegal Taxes and Refunds Account #10-51-91000-390 for tax refund to Gordon H. Decker.; 8) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve Resolution #17-09 Determining that a Public Emergency Exists in Regard to the 107 W Huron Street Property Bidding Procedures for Repairs.; 9) Approve the list of bills for payment. Erdmann request that item 3 (Minutes from the October 10, 17 & 24, 2017 Common Council meetings) be removed due to minor changes. Secora seconded the motion. Erdmann made a motion to approve the adjusted consent agenda. Secora seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent. Motion carried.

Erdmann addressed the change to the October 10, 2017 minutes to reflect Secora seconded the motion to grant the bartender licenses. Erdmann addressed the change to the October 24, 2017 to reflect that Scott Zabel and Lindsey Kemnitz were seated for only item 2. Erdmann moved to approve the minutes from the October 10, 17 & 24, 2017 Common Council meetings with the adjustments. Secora seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Next was the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$1,605,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes. Daniel Hoppa questioned what the original loan was for and why it is not paid. Jodie Olson explained that this refinances the remaining \$1,105,000 in principle bonds left on the 2008 issue for street projects. The additional \$500k is added to the issue for the 2018 street project work in the 5<sup>th</sup> ward. Justin A Fischer from Baird reviewed the details of the costs of 2.37% and savings as a percentage of refunded debt to be 4.943%. Page moved to approve Resolution #17-10 authorizing the Issuance and sale of \$1,605,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes. Lehr seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent. Motion carried.

Erdmann moved to approve and adopt the proposed revisions to the 2018 Weights & Measures Fee Schedule as presented by the Appleton Health Department Chief Sealer. Secora seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Secora moved to approve and adopt Resolution #17-08 accepting the Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area or their successors Dedication of a Bus Shelter Structure on S Washington Street Right-of-Way. Harke seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent. Motion carried.

Next was 2018 Budget. Daniel Hoppa expressed his concern with the raising of property taxes and why city officials are not required to live in the City of Berlin. Olson stated that the City of Berlin cannot legally require them to live in the City of Berlin. Olson reviewed that the preliminary levy for Green Lake County was down 1.37 and Waushara County was down 1.35.

Page moved to approve the Mayoral appointment of Tina Marchan to the Committee on Aging for term expiring April 30, 2018. Erdmann seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Page moved to grant the bartender licenses for Ashley Nicole Mendoza, Missy Lee Peterson and Jessica Lynn Steger. Secora seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

There was no old or new business.

At 7:23 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) Discuss potential litigation and action relative to 107 W Huron Street & 2) Discussion on post-retirement health insurance benefits for union and non-union employees, 3) If necessary, to review the closed session minutes from the October 12 or 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 Council meeting).* Page seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent. Erdmann moved to seat Lindsey Kemnitz and Scott Zabel for item (1) 107 W Huron Street. Secora seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Discussion continued in closed session.

Lehr moved to reconvene into open session at 8:54 p.m. Page seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Erdmann moved to send to the Police Union the notice as presented. Lehr seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Secora moved to suspend all post-retirement health insurance benefits for employees hired prior to Jan 1, 2008 and that have not retired and direct staff to, as expediently as possible, come back with alternative options to consider. Lehr seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Secora moved to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Page seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

*Susan Thom, Deputy Clerk*

