

MINUTES
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018 7:00 PM
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. Lehr, Eastling, Page, Erdmann, Secora and Harke. Staff present: Lindsey Kemnitz, Dennis Plantz, Scott Zabel, Jodie Olson, Matt Chier and Susan Thom.

The following items were listed on the Consent Agenda for approval and adoption: 1) Waive the reading of 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 December 12, 2017 Common Council meeting; 4) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to grant a 60-day extension for issuance of a raze or repair order on 399 LaFayette Street; 5) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to direct the City Attorney to issue a raze or repair order on 130 W Berlin Street; 6) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance pertaining to registration of vacant buildings based on the City of Milwaukee ordinance and not include single family residential properties. 7) Approve the list of bills for payment. Erdmann made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Page seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

Troy Zacharias, Action Appraisers & Consultants, Ink reviewed the changes of 2017 WI Act 68 (AB 480) and how it impacts property assessment and Board of Review.

Next on the agenda was Shared-Ride Taxi Contract change requests including Taxi Fare Changes. Julie Boeck, Classis Cab owner, reviewed the requested changes to the rates and service hours. Harke moved to approve the Addendum to Exhibit K of the Shared-Ride Taxi Contract between City of Berlin and Classic Cab effective January 15, 2018. Eastling seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next on the agenda was 107 W. Huron St. With no open session discussion to consider, it would be discussed in closed session.

Page moved to grant the bartender licenses for Sabeena Kaur Cheema and Holli Marie Scott. Secora seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

There was no old or new business.

At 7:20 Page moved to convene into closed session pursuant to Sec 19.85 (1)(g), of the WI Statutes, 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, and 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 post-retirement health insurance benefits for union and non-union personnel and negotiating strategy, 2) Post-retirement health insurance benefits for specific non-union retiring personnel, 3) Discussion on 107 W Huron Street litigation.* Secora seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Motion carried. Secora moved to seat Kemnitz and Zabel for item 3. Erdmann seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Page moved to reconvene into open session at 7:46 p.m. Secora seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Secora moved to allow John Schrader to go on COBRA upon retirement without disqualifying or penalizing him from any potential post-retirement health insurance benefit that may be instituted in the future. Page seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Harke moved to suspend and remove post-retirement health insurance benefits from the Employee Handbook. Page seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Page moved to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Secora seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Susan Thom, Deputy Clerk