

MINUTES
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018
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. Boeck, Erdmann, Harke, Lehr, Przybyl, and Secora. Staff present: Lindsey Kemnitz, Dennis Plantz, 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 October 16, 2018 Common Council meeting; 4) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the Mayoral Proclamation for a National Tolling of Bells to Honor Those Who Served in the Great War; 5) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to waive the formal bidding requirements for the 2019-2021 auditing renewal contract and accept the renewal quote with Hawkins, Ash, Baptie & Co. 6) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation that the Housing Task Force be reactivated and directed to look at the Housing Task Force policy regarding residential Housing Rebate Incentives and bring back a recommendation to Council within five (5) months; 7) Approve the list of bills for payment. Erdmann made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Przybyl seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

Next of the agenda was ambulance fee schedule update. Olson stated that there is a 5% increase overall and new drugs were added. Harke made a motion to approve the 2019 Ambulance fee schedule as presented. Lehr seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Next was a raze or repair order for 130 W. Berlin Street. Kemnitz stated that the property owners did get a permit to raze the building. The property owners have secured the building and there is a snow fence and no trespassing signs posted. Chier indicated further discussion will be held in closed session.

Next was designating a polling place. Olson reviewed that City Inn was designated as the 2018 polling place because the Berlin Armory indicated they would be doing renovations. The renovations still have not been started. City Inn has worked well for a polling place and switching polling places confuses the public. Przybyl made a motion to designate City Inn at 689 Broadway as the official City of Berlin polling place. Harke seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Erdmann made a motion to accept the mayoral appointment of Rebecca Guden, Barbara Lewis, Cheryl Coats and Deborah Thom as election workers for term expiring December 31, 2019. Lehr seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Erdmann moved to accept the mayoral appointment of Richard Van Ornum to the Committee of Aging for term expiring April 30, 2021. Przybyl seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Secora moved to grant bartenders licenses to Ashley Nicole Mendoza and Cheri Marie Meyers. Przybyl seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

There was no old or new business.

At 7:10 p.m. Secora moved to convene into closed session pursuant to Sec 19.85 (1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral to written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (*130 W Berlin Street raze or repair order*). Boeck seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Motion carried. Erdmann moved to seat Jodie Olson and Lindsey Kemnitz. Harke seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Discussion continued in closed session.

Lehr moved to reconvene into open session at 7:20 p.m. Secora seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Lehr moved to approve the agreement proposed by the property owners at 130 W Berlin St. and Atty Chier to draw it up and get the appropriate signatures. Secora seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote. Boeck abstained.

At 7:23 p.m. Secora made a motion to adjourn. Lehr seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Susan Thom, Deputy Clerk