

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
CITY OF BERLIN
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Schramer called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call present: Ald. Boeck, Erdmann, Harke, Lehr, Nigbor and Secora. Staff present: Lindsey Kemnitz, Matt Chier, Jodie Olson and Midge Seaman.

Ald. Secora made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the January 8, 2019 meeting. Harke seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Next the Mayor called upon Gary Podoll, Emergency Director, to discuss the Green Lake County All Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Podoll provided a background on the history and gave a couple of examples of how having the plan in place is important to the city of Berlin during and as a result of disastrous situations. He explained that all known issues we have in the City are in the plan and more can be added if necessary. If not in the plan, FEMA will make no monies available to the City if recovery and corrective action is to be taken. He went on to explain the plan is shared with all municipalities in the County and it is necessary for each municipality to have a formal resolution to adopt the Green Lake County All Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

Ald. Secora asked if this included the portion of the City of Berlin within the Waushara County boundaries. Podoll replied that every county has their own plan. Ald. Erdmann made a motion to recommend to the Common Council to approve and adopt resolution #19-02, the Green Lake County All Hazardous Mitigation Plan. The motion was seconded by Ald. Secora and passed by voice vote.

Next Economic Development Director, Lindsey Kemnitz, gave an update on the progress of the property at 114 Pierce St/119 Commercial Street, commonly known as the Safeguard Building. Kemnitz stated that Phase I and Phase II have been completed. Phase II has recommended the site to be demolished for further site investigation. Kemnitz informed the Committee members of a Site Assessment Grant she is preparing, as well trying to get the site ready for demolition. Members of the Economic Development team held a meeting with the DNR and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to discuss next steps. Kemnitz explained the grant application requires the city to pay 20% of the cost. She stated she will approach Committee members again when the cost to the City is determined, for a recommendation to the Common Council.

At 7:00 p.m. Secora moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Nigbor Seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Midge Seaman, Deputy Clerk