

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
CITY OF BERLIN
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019, 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Schramer called the June 4, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call present: Ald. Lehr, Boeck, Nigbor, Erdmann, Bruessel and Harke. Staff present: Atty. Matt Chier, Jodie Olson, Lindsey Kemnitz, Scott Zabel, Dennis Plantz and Susan Thom.

Scott Zabel, Superintendent of the Street department stated that there was an issue with last week garbage picks on Friday due to a shortage of drivers which affected several municipalities. Zabel stated the garbage will be picked up as scheduled along with additional garbage.

Mike Russell 183 Water Street spoke on the speeding up and down Water Street. Russell asked the Council to consider saying the Pledge of Allegiance at the meeting.

Daniel Hoppa spoke regarding the 2018 Annual Audit of the City of Berlin and the possibility of additional spending due to an additional Police officer and ongoing investigation.

Erdmann made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting. Harke seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Next was the Hunter Street Speed Limit Petition. Alyssa Tessaro 274 N Hunter Street spoke regarding the petition which she circulated asking to have the speed limit be reduced to 25 mph from the corner of Broadway to NW Cumberland and children at large signs.

Mike Grenier 284 N Hunter Street asked that the speed limit be lower to 25 mph and to have kids playing signs because people are driving too fast.

Dan Hoppa 235 N Wisconsin spoke in favor of purchasing police radar ticket units because they will pay for themselves.

Harke made a motion to recommend to the Common Council to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph on North Hunter Street from Broadway Street to Northwest Cumberland Street. Lehr seconded the motion. Bruessel requested to do a speed study to see if there is a need to lower the speed. A voice vote resulted in five (5) ayes, (Lehr, Erdmann, Boeck, Nigbor, and Harke) one (1) nay (Bruessel) and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

Next were bids for Demolition and Abatement of Old Safeguard Building. Kemnitz reviewed the bid from Kopplin & Kinas \$147,240 with a completion date of July 5, 2019 for Substantial and a bid of \$131,160 with a completion date of December 15, 2019 for Substantial. Egbert Excavating bid was \$82,500 with a completion date of July 19, 2019. Lehr made a motion to recommend to the Common Council to accept the Egbert Excavating bid of \$82,500 with a completion date of July 19, 2019. Boeck seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Next was Safeguard Grant Award Contracts. Kemnitz reviewed that the City of Berlin has been approved for the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC)-Site Assessment Grant (SAG) up to

\$131,600. The City needs to provide 20% matching funds which include \$22,945 from DNR Wisconsin Assessment Monies and maximum of \$3,400 from the City of Berlin. The total project cost will be \$157,945. Harke made a motion to recommend to the Common Council to authorize the appropriate signatures for the application of the Safeguard Grant Award contract with Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. Nigbor seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Next were 2019 Federal and State Tax Grant Contract Amendments. Olson explained that there was a funding distribution calculation error that changed some of the contract figures. The federal tax grant amount of \$103,032 did not change however there were changes in the figures on Attachment A. The state tax grant decreased \$414 to \$53,447. Bruessel made a motion to recommend to the Common Council to approve the amended 2019 federal and state tax grants as presented and authorize the appropriate signatures. Nigbor seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Next was Farmers Market Food Vending Permitting & Special Event Related Municipal Code. Olson explained that the Veterans Foundation filled out three separate permits for road closures this year for their "themed" market days. With a street closure food vendors can participate in the event on the closed roadside without having to get a peddler vending permit. For the other Tuesdays that the Farmer Market runs the food truck vendors are required to get a peddlers permit under the current code. The only way they wouldn't have to get a permit under the current ordinance is if they parked in the event site area of Nathan Strong Park itself, which we do not want. Olson recommended for the 2019 Farmers Market season authorize food vendor trucks to vend along Church Street from E. Huron to Park without having to secure a peddlers permit, but only if they are approved vendors of the Farmers Market committee on the Tuesdays when the Farmers Market is in session along with review and propose updates to the special event related ordinances to help streamline this process. Lehr made a motion to recommend to the Common Council to authorize the staff to allow food vendor trucks along S Church Street from Park to E. Huron from now until the end of the season without having to obtain permitting and have the staff review special event related ordinances and obtain the permission from the affected resident. Erdmann seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

At 7:53 p.m. Bruessel made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat §19.85 (1) (c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and pursuant to Wis. Stat § 19.85 (1) (g) 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 (Budgeting and financial matters related to Police Department Investigation Complaint Matter and Union Grievance). Erdmann seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

Lehr moved to reconvene into open session. Erdmann seconded the motion which carried by voice vote. No action was taken as a result of closed session.

Lehr moved to adjourn. Boeck seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Susan Thom, Deputy Clerk