

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
CITY OF BERLIN
TUESDAY, JULY 09, 2019, 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Schramer called the July 9, 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 and Susan Thom.

There were no general public comments.

Erdmann moved to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting. Lehr seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Next was Raze or Repair Action for 130 W Berlin St. Kemnitz provided pictures that the house is still standing. Kemnitz reviewed that on November 2018 an extension was granted which required Kresal to make \$100 monthly payments and have the house razed by June 30, 2019. They are in contempt of court and are subject to remedial sanction forfeiture of \$50 per day for each day beyond June 30, 2019. Kresal have been making the payments as agreed and did secure the property. Kemnitz had made numerous attempts to remind Kresal about the June 30, 2019 deadline. Kresal did response to Kemnitz in the morning before the meeting to state that they were working with Petraszak Excavating and the building should be down shortly. Lehr recommended that Petraszak Excavating be contacted. Bruessel made a motion to postpone any action until next week Common Council meeting so that Petraszak Excavating could be contacted. Nigbor seconded the motion which carried by voice vote. Boeck abstained from the vote.

Next was Raze or Repair for 151 N Wisconsin St. Kemnitz provided pictures of the residence which is partially sided. Kemnitz reviewed that on November 2, 2018 an extension was granted which required the house sided and the interior and exterior of all entryways and porch permanently completed. Kemnitz received an email on Monday July 08, 2019 from Kasuboski stating due to the weather and the siding being on back order the house that there was a delay on completing the house. Kemnitz requested from Kasuboski a copy of the receipt for the back order siding and addressed the entrances not be in compliance. Mayor requested Kemnitz to check with Farmers and Merchant Bank and the Building Inspector regarding the property and report back to the Common Council. Erdmann made a motion to postpone any action until next week Common Council meeting. Lehr seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Next was the Code Language References to "City Limits" for Sections Relating to Speed Limits. Chier stated that the Hunter Street language is not consistent with all the other speed limit sections referring to the city limits which list the city limits first. Chier stated either to change this section back to the way it was or changes all the other ordinances or leave it all as is. Erdmann made a motion to reverse the language to the way it was and not make the changes. Lehr seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was Refinancing of 2014 Note for Unfunded Pension Liability. Olson reviewed that the City of Berlin has a five-year note with Farmers and Merchant Bank to pay off the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) Liability for unfunded pension liability. This liability relates to our employee retirement liability

that the City of Berlin came under on 1/1/46. Olson stated the Farmers and Merchant offer to renew the note of \$288,269 at 2.85% for 3 years which is the best rate. The debt will then be paid off. Erdmann made a motion to recommend to the Common Council to refinance the unfunded Pension Liability note at Farmers and Merchant Bank of \$288,269 at 2.85% for 3 year term and direct the staff to write a resolution. Nigbor seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was Review of 2019 Spring Bulk Pick-Up. Zabel reviewed that the 12x4x4 parameters that were established for 2019 worked well. The piles were neater and easier to pick up. There was a 50% decrease in the man hours and tipping fee cost from 2018 to 2019 which puts the cleanup closer to where it should be for the 5 day rather than the 11 days for 2018. Notices were sent to the properties that exceeded the parameters making them responsible for the disposing of the rubbish. Zabel stated that there will be some fine tuning and the information will be included on our website and brochure.

Bruessel moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Nigbor seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Susan Thom, Deputy Clerk