

MINUTES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
CITY OF BERLIN  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019, 7:00 PM  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Schramer called the September 3, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call present: Ald. Boeck, Bruessel, Erdmann, Harke, Lehr and Nigbor. Staff present: Atty. Matt Chier, Lindsey Kemnitz, Jodie Olson and Midge Seaman.

There were no general public comments.

Lehr moved to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting. Bruessel seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

The Mayor called upon Lindsey Kemnitz, to give an update on the Raze or Repair Action for 130 W Berlin Street. Kemnitz stated after several unsuccessful attempts to contact the property owner, the Committee of the Whole, at the August meeting, moved to have Attorney Chier send a letter to the owner outlining the non-compliance issues on the property and reminding them the property is still under a Raze or Repair order. The owner emailed Kemnitz today to say work will be completed on September 9, 2019. Kemnitz will report the progress on the property to the Common Council on September 10, 2019.

Next on the agenda was the Raze or Repair Action for 151 N Wisconsin St. Kemnitz reported that there was an email received by the owner's daughter. She read the letter aloud to all in attendance. The letter stated the reasons work is not complete on the house, although making progress whenever they are able. There have been some setbacks, weather, work schedule, miscalculations of supplies needed and backordered supplies as well. Kemnitz also stated the owners did bring the entrances to the house into compliance. Attorney Chier stated while the owners are definitely a step behind where they should be, the improvements already made have definitely brought up the value of the home and he felt it would be rough to raze it now without giving them some consideration for more time. Bruessel, Lehr and Erdmann made comments to that regard as well. Lehr expressed he would like to cut them some slack due to the major storm damage that set many residents back and would like to see monthly updates. The Mayor said to bring this back at the October Committee of the Whole Meeting.

At 7:10pm. Erdmann made a motion to move into closed session 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) *EMS Contracts with ThedaCare-CHN and Participating Municipalities*; 2) *Discussion on Union Negotiations and health insurance options* 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 Interim Police Management*). Lehr seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Motion carried. Erdmann made a motion to seat Curt Olson and Mark Putzke, Interim Chiefs of Police and Justin Lindahl, President of the Police and Fire Commission. Lehr seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Lehr moved to seat Cassie Bornick for the closed discussion on union negotiations and health insurance at 7:22pm. Nigbor seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Bruessel moved to reconvene into open session at 8:33pm. Lehr seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Erdmann moved to offer employees dual choice health insurance between Arise and WPS with the employee paying the premium difference for WPS. Lehr seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Nigbor moved to adjourn at 8:35pm. Boeck seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Midge Seaman, Deputy Clerk