

MINUTES
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020
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. Lehr, Nigbor, Boeck, Erdmann, Bruessel and Harke. Staff present: Lindsey Kemnitz, Scott Zabel, Jodie Olson, and Susan Thom.

The following items were listed on the Consent Agenda for approval and adoption: 1) Waive the reading of all 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 January 14, 2020 Common Council meeting; 4) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the First Amendment to the Ambulance Management Services and Support Agreement and authorize the appropriate signatures; 5) Accept the Police & Fire Commission recommendation to approve Resolution #20-01 Authorizing Transfer of 2019 Budget Funds for Berlin Police Department; 6) Approve the list of bills for payment. Erdmann made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Harke seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

Next was 2020 Standardized Special Assessment Fee Schedule. Erdmann made a motion to approve the 2020 Standardized Special Assessment Fee as recommended by city engineers. Bruessel seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Next was Raze or Repair Action on 130 W Berlin Street. Kemnitz reviewed that the neighbors are going to purchase the adjacent property and move the garage this spring. Bruessel made a motion to postpone any action on 130 W Berlin Street until the July meeting. Harke seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote. Boeck abstained from voting.

Harke made a motion to approve the bartender licenses for Stacey A Schwandt and Jessica Marie Garza. Bruessel seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

There was no old business.

New Business-Lehr stated that Justin Lindahl, Fire and Police Commissioner, requested discussion on the ordinance item in the employee handbook about hiring and non-hiring relatives at the City. Olson reviewed it is not an ordinance and that she is in the process of updating the employee handbook. Mayor stated to put it on the agenda.

No public appearance.

At 7:10 p.m., Bruessel made a motion to convene 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) *Police Union Contract Negotiations.* (2) *Discussion on potential donation of land and negotiation of possible term.* Lehr seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Erdmann made a motion to seat Kemnitz for item (2), Zabel for item (2) and Olson for item (1) and (2). Boeck seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Discussion continued in closed session.

At 7:34 p.m., Lehr made a motion to reconvene into open session. Nigbor seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

No action was taken as a result of closed session discussion.

Lehr moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Nigbor seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Susan Thom, Deputy Clerk