

MINUTES
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020
DUE TO THE CONTINUED CONCERN SURROUNDING COVID-19, THE CITY OF
BERLIN IS TEMPORARILY TRANSITIONING THEIR PUBLIC MEETINGS TO A
TELECONFERENCE FORMAT, VIA ZOOM

Mayor Schramer called the Common Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call present: Ald. Boeck, Bruessel, Lehr and Nigbor. Absent: Ald. Erdmann and Harke. Staff present: Lindsey Kemnitz, Scott Zabel, Brian Malnory, Jodie Olson, Matt Chier and Susan Thom.

Daniel Hoppa, 235 S Wisconsin Street, Berlin WI requested explanation the Common Council regarding some items on the treasurer's report.

At 7:05 pm, Boeck made a motion to seat Harke. Lehr seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Mayor Schramer asked Jodie Olson to get in contact with Mr. Hoppa regarding these items.

Lehr made a mention of the drive-thru light show at Chris and Cynthia Fisher on Maple Ridge Road which is a tribute to Health Care Workers.

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 March 10, 2020 Common Council meetings; 4) Approve the list of bills for payments. Bruessel made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Lehr seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent. Motion carried.

Next Kathy Munsey, Green Lake County Health officer provided an update and information on the current COVID-19 pandemic. There is one confirmed case in Green Lake County.

Next was the public hearing and final resolution authorizing Special Assessments for Webster Street (N. Washington – N. Kossuth) S. State Street (E. Huron – Ripon Rd), S. Swetting Street (Junction – Ripon Road), Jackson Street (Broadway – Webster), and Jefferson Street (Broadway to Webster). Mayor Schramer opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m. Mayor Schramer asked if anyone has any questions for the public hearing. Dan Hoppa, 235 S Wisconsin St. questioned the interest rate of 7% since you can borrow money for 3%. Jodie Olson explained there is an ordinance in place that the interest rate on special assessment is 7%. Mayor Schramer asked three (3) times if there was anyone here who wishes to speak in favor of the request. No response. Mayor Schramer asked three (3) times if there anyone here who wishes to speak against the request. No response. Mayor Schramer closed the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. Bruessel made a motion to approve the Final Resolution #20-06 Authorizing Public Improvement and Levying Special Assessments Against Benefited Property in Berlin, WI for Work and Public Improvements in the Following Designated Areas: Webster Street (N. Washington – N. Kossuth) S. State Street (E. Huron – Ripon Rd), S. Swetting Street (Junction – Ripon Road), Jackson Street (Broadway – Webster), and Jefferson Street (Broadway to Webster). Boeck seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent. Motion carried.

Next was discussion on proposed update to City Ordinances Related to Keeping of Chickens. Harke made a motion to waive the Committee of the Whole discussion on this issue. Lehr seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote. The Common Council proceeded to discuss the ordinance. Lehr made a motion to have Atty. Chier draft the proposed changes to the City Ordinance related to Keeping of Chickens and bring it back to the Common Council. Harke seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was ABC Inc. Parade Permit request for July 3, 2020. Dan Hoppa, representing the ABC Inc., stated they still were planning the event but will be keeping up on the pandemic and comply with orders from the State. Bruessel made a motion to approve the ABC Inc. parade permit for July 3, 2020 based on the state restrictions at that time. Nigbor seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was Amendment to Walmart Class "A" Beer and "Class A" Liquor License. The Common Council discussed their concerns on how this amendment would affect all the Liquor license establishments and that any of the establishments are able to apply for an amendment to their premise. Harke made a motion to approve Walmart request to amend its current Class "A" Beer and "Class A" Liquor license premise description to include stalls and /or canopy locations in parking lot specifically designated for online grocery pickup. Bruessel seconded the motion. A voice vote resulted in three (3) ayes (Bruessel, Harke, Boeck) and one (1) nay (Lehr). Motion carried.

Next was Building Permit Fee Schedule Updates. Bruessel made a motion to waive the Committee of the Whole discussion on this issue. Harke seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote. Olson reviewed the concern that smaller projects were charged the same as larger projects. Lehr made a motion to approve the Building permit fee schedule as presented. Harke seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Boeck made a motion to accept the resignation of Charlie Beard from the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Water & Sewer Commission effective immediately and a letter of Thanks for the many years of service to be sent to him. Bruessel seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Boeck made a motion to accept the Mayoral appointment of Ashley Nigbor to the Parks & Recreation Commission for term expiring April 30, 2022. Harke seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote. Nigbor abstained.

Lehr made a motion to accept the Mayoral appointment of Tim Bending to the Water & Sewer Commission for term expiring October 1, 2024. Boeck seconded the motion. A voice vote resulted in three (3) ayes (Boeck, Lehr, and Nigbor) and one (1) nay (Bruessel). Motion carried.

Nigbor made a motion to approve the bartender licenses for Mary L Seaman and Lillian Lynn Schwendeman. Lehr seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Old Business: Lehr requested the State of Emergency to be on the May agenda to be discussed.

New Business: Bruessel requested that a possible adoption of temporary ordinance to allow liquor licensed establishments to apply for expansion of their premises to include city streets and sidewalks immediately adjacent to the establishment for the purpose of curbside delivery of their licensed alcohol products in sealed original packages or containers for off-premised consumption be included on the organizational agenda.

At 8:10 p.m. Boeck made a motion to adjourn. Bruessel seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Susan Thom, Deputy Clerk.