

MINUTES  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020 7:00 PM  
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, Nigbor, Erdmann and Harke. Staff present: Lindsey Kemnitz, Scott Zabel, Brian Pulvermacher, Gary Podoll, Jodie Olson, Matt Chier 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 April 14 & 21, 2020 Common Council meetings; 4) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to Common Council to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the 2020 85.20 Urban Mass Transit Assistance Agreement (State) and Section 5311 Federal Grant Agreement between the City of Berlin and the WI Department of Transportation for Calendar Year 2020, including the Federal Certifications and Assurances; 5) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan (RADRAP) for CDBG Programs; 6) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve Resolution #20-07 Authorizing Resolution to Submit a CDBG Grant application; 7) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve Resolution #20-08 to Adopt the Policy to Prohibit the Use of Excessive Force and to Enforce the Applicable State and Local Laws Prohibiting Physically Barring Entrances/Exits for Non-Violent Civil Rights Demonstrations; 8) Approve the lists of bills for payment. Erdmann made a motion to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Harke seconded the motion. A roll call resulted in six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absents. Motion carried.

Next was Potential Land Donation on HWY 49 South. Dan Hoppa stated his concerns with the acquiring of this land. Brian Glenzinski representing Ducks Unlimited explained the process of the application and expressed that a restriction such as not allowing rifles would potential jeopardize the funding. Bruce Bohn was present to reviewed working with the Ducks Unlimited and DNR on the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant. Once Ducks Unlimited would acquire the property from Bohn with DNR grant funding, the property would be donated to the City of Berlin for recreational use. Mayor Schramer requested to speak as a citizen of Berlin. Erdmann asked the Mayor to step down. Council President Boeck took over at 7:19 pm. for this item. Schramer stated that he understood a buffer along the river was not feasible but still had a concern about hunting with rifles. The Common Council discussed the hunting and the possibilities of future development. Erdmann made a motion to accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation, that Staff indicate to the DNR that we are willing to accept this property with no hunting restrictions. Bruessel seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Revolving Loan Fund Close Program. Harke made a motion to accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to buy out the CDBG Revolving Loan Fund. Brussel seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next were the Discussion of Potential 2021 Capital Projects and Funding Options. Zabel reviewed the Water street projection (W Park to W Cumberland) to include utilities and pedestrian bridge. Erdmann asked if there is \$105,000 in reserves for the pedestrian bridge. Olson stated there is \$105,000 in the

reserves for the pedestrian bridge. Dan Hoppa shared his concerns with Water Street project. Erdmann made a motion to accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to direct staff to proceed with Scenario 1 (Water Street/Pedestrian Bridge project with various grant application opportunities) with other capital project options to follow, and request the Utility initially upfront the \$700k buyout to repay the CDBG grant proceeds for the projects. Harke seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Next was Becoming a “Be Safe Wisconsin” Partner. Mayor was in favor of partnering with ThedaCare and adding it to the City of Berlin website. The council discussed their concerns about adding it to the website. Harke made a motion to become a “Be Safe Wisconsin” partner with ThedaCare and add it to our website. Nigbor seconded the motion. Lehr made a motion to amend the motion to include “we also support a free and prosperous Wisconsin. Erdmann seconded the amendment. A voice vote on the amendment was five (5) ayes, One (1) nay (Bruessel) and Zero (0) absent for the amendment. Motion carried by voice vote. A voice vote on the motion as amended by Erdmann, seconded by Harke was approved by six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

Next was review of State of Emergency Declaration Status. Council discussed that the State of Emergency had expired and no action had to be taken.

Next were virtual vs In-Person Council Meetings. Erdmann made a motion to have Atty Chier draft an ordinance to allow both virtual and in-person council meeting for the future. Boeck seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Next was Appointment to Committee of Aging. Harke made a motion to accept the appointment of Paul Hanan to the Committee of Aging for term expiring April 30, 2023. Lehr seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

There were no Old or New Business.

At 8:09 pm, Erdmann made a motion to adjourn. Bruessel seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Susan Thom, Deputy Clerk