

MINUTES
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BERLIN CITY HALL, 2ND FLOOR

Chairperson Boeck called the Common Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call present: Ald. Lehr, Boeck, Erdmann, Nigbor, Bruessel and Harke. Staff present: Lindsey Kemnitz, JD Lind, Jodie Olson, Matt Chier and Susan Thom. Mayor Schramer present via phone.

No Public Comments.

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 June 9, 2020 Common Council meeting; 4) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve and adopt Ordinance #04-20 Amending the Code of Ordinance Related to Alcohol Beverage Licensing to Reflect Recent State Law Changes; 5) Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to form a task force to upgrade equipment for possible virtual meetings, which will be appointed by the Common Council; 6) Approve the list of bills for payment. Erdmann requested that item #6 Accept the Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve and adopt Ordinance #04-20 Amending the Code of Ordinance Related to Alcohol Beverage Licensing to Reflect Recent State Law Changes be removed, correction to the minutes under business should say "monthly" and Item #7 should read "a task force to investigate an upgrade". Erdmann made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the corrections to the minutes and item #7. Harke seconded the motion. A roll call resulted in six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

Next was Item #6. Erdmann stated the wording on Sec 6-50 b-1 was confusing. Olson handled out a change in the wording. Erdmann made a motion to Accept Ordinance #04-20 as amended. Lehr seconded the motion. A roll call resulted in six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

Next was the Property and Liability Insurance Renewal. Olson reviewed that the City of Berlin received two quotes. EMC quoted a renewal for \$179,736 with a 20% flat Workman's Comp dividend. Auto deductible is \$500 and Property deductible is \$1,000. Travelers Insurance quoted \$180,309 with a 17% Workman's Comp dividend for the same coverage. Auto deductible is \$1,000 and Property deductible is \$2,500. Lehr made a motion to accept and approve the renewal quote of \$179,736 from EMC Insurance for Property and Liability Insurance for policy year 7/23/2020-7/23/2021. Bruessel seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was Acknowledgement of Jack Wahlers. The Common Council signed a card. Ald. Harke will deliver it to Jack Wahlers family.

Next was Temporary Ordinance Relating to Electronic or Virtual Meeting Attendance. The Council discussed the Temporary Ordinance. Bruessel made a motion to approve Ordinance #05-20 Relating to Electronic or Virtual Attendance or Conducting or Meetings of Governing Bodies. Harke seconded the motion. A roll call resulted in six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

Next was Temporary Ordinance on Special Street Privilege Permit for Use of Sidewalks by Businesses. Atty Chier reviewed the ordinance would be on a temporary basis and that every business could apply for a permit. There would be a \$10 fee paid at the clerk's office and all requirements must be met. Erdmann made a motion to approve the Temporary Ordinance #06-20 Authorizing Issuance of Special Street Privilege Permits for Use on Sidewalks By Business. Harke seconded the motion. A roll call resulted in six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

Ald Lehr read the Law Enforcement Support Proclamation.

Next was Media/Virtual Meeting Task Force Assignment. Boeck appointed Chris Jenkinsen, Joel Bruessel, Sara Nighbor and Jodie Olson for the Task Force. Erdmann made a motion to committee. Nighbor seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote. Bruessel abstained.

Erdmann made a motion to approve the bartender licenses for Kara LeAnn Felcan, Tracy Lynn Moran, Karnpal Singh Cheema, Caitlin Marie Hilgart, Stacy Marie Zietlow, Mary L Seaman and Robert Joseph Dych and deny licenses for Denise Renee Duty-Rumold, Tara Lynn Schwersenka, Felicia Ann Cain, James Paul Selsing and Patrick Michael Hatton. Nighbor seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

No old or new business.

At 7:34 p.m. Erdmann made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Sec 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. *(130 W Berlin Street Raze or Repair Order)*. Item#2 was removed. Bruessel seconded the motion. A roll call resulted in six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

Erdmann made a motion to seat Kemnitz and Olson. Nighbor seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote. Erdmann made a motion to have the Mayor Schramer join virtually. Bruessel seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Discussion continued in closed session.

At 7:44 p.m. Erdmann made a motion to reconvene into open session. Bruessel seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Bruessel made a motion to Atty Chier to remove the contempt of court order from 130 W Berlin St without any forfeiture with the condition as long as they continue to pay back the \$3,216.46. Erdmann seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote. Boeck abstained.

Nighbor made a motion to adjourn. Lehr seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Susan Thom, Deputy Clerk