

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
CITY OF BERLIN
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Chairperson Boeck called the August 4, 2020, Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call present: Ald. Lehr, Boeck, Nigbor, Erdmann, Bruessel and Harke. Staff present: Jodie Olson, Lindsey Kemnitz, Evan Vandenlangenberg, Damian Moreland and Susan Thom.

Nigbor made a motion to seat Mayor Schramer and Atty Chier as Virtual attendants. Bruessel seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Erdmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting. Harke seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was Resolution providing for the Sale of \$2M General Obligation Promissory Notes. Bradley Viegut, Managing Director of Baird gave a presentation. Erdmann made a motion to recommend to Common Council to approve Resolution Authorizing \$2.0M General Obligation Bonds for Street Improvement Projects. Bruessel seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was discussion on Creation of Travel & Tourism Commission. Bruessel made a motion to create a Travel & Tourism Commission so that we can assign the Hotel/Motel tax money for the year 2020. Harke seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was the Property Issues at 218 S Grove St. Dennis Mulder, 219 S Grove St, asked the Committee of the Whole to address the property at 218 S Grove and stated it has been in a bad shape since the fire in July 2018. There has been no progress. Debra Goodyear, 196 S Grove St, concerns with the property is that the house has open spots and is concerned there are varmints in the house. Goodyear stated the lawn had not been mowed. Lehr made a motion to recommend to Common Council to proceed with a raze order for 218 S Grove Street. Bruessel seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was CARES Act Routes to Recovery Program. Olson reviewed that this program was created with funding from the federal CARES Act's Coronavirus Relief Fund, which may be used to reimburse necessary, unbudgeted expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. They may only be used to reimburse (1) government expenditures that were (2) unbudgeted, (3) necessary to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency, and (4) incurred on or after March 1 through November 6, 2020. Olson stated there are many unbudgeted expenses such as PPE equipment, sanitization supplies, thermometers, staff quarantine expenses, overtime, and attorney expenses. Olson handed out a list of items that the staff recommends to be deemed appropriate to consider to purchase in response to the public health emergency. Olson will provide updated costs and a prioritized list at the Common Council meeting.

Next were updates to Election Ordinances. Lehr made a motion to direct the City Attorney to draft ordinance changes regarding changing the number of election officials and establishing split shifts for election officials. Bruessel seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was discussion on Virtual or Electronic Committee of the Whole meetings. Lehr made a motion to continue the Committee of the Whole as an in-person meeting in the Council Chamber as directed by ordinance. Erdmann seconded the motion. Lehr made a motion to call the question. Erdmann seconded the motion. A roll call vote on "Call the question" resulted in four (4) Ayes, three (3) Nays (Mayor, Bruessel, Harke) and zero (0) absent. Motion passed. A roll call on the motion resulted in four (4) Ayes, three (3) Nays (Mayor, Bruessel, Harke) and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

At 8:00 pm, Erdmann made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to WI § 19.85 (e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (*Discussion on negotiations relating to Student Resource Officer contract with Berlin Area School District and 2) Paramedic Intercept Contract with Southern Green Lake Ambulance Service*). 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 Jodie Olson, Evan Vandenlangenberg and Damian Moreland. Bruessel seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Discussion continued in closed session.

At 8:22 pm, 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.

Bruessel made a motion to adjourn. Harke seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Susan Thom, Deputy Clerk