

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
CITY OF BERLIN
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020. 7:00 PM
COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBER

Ald. Boeck called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Ald. Boeck, Lehr, Nigbor, Erdmann, Harke and Bruessel. Mayor Schramer attended virtually. Staff present: Scott Zabel, Brian Pulvermacher, Damian Moreland, Evan Vandenlangenberg, Joshua Schmidt, Jodie Olson and Susan Thom.

Bruessel moved to seat Mayor Schramer, Lindsey Kemnitz and Atty Chier virtually. Harke seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

There were no general public comments.

Erdmann moved to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting. Nigbor seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was 218 S Grove Street Property Update. Kemnitz reviewed there was a garage building permit and footings for a new garage have been poured. Lehr made a motion to push the raze order out one month. Bruessel seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Next was update on Spring Street Fence Complaint. Kemnitz reviewed that a letter was set to the owner on November 11, 2020 stating that they have 30 days to change the fence which would be December 11, 2020. Mayor Schramer stated to look at it next month. No action needed at this time.

Next was Resolution Acquisition of Bohn Property from the Town of Berlin. Kemnitz reviewed that Resolution #20-16 at the October Council meeting is to support the Knowles Nelson Stewardship grant funds from DNR for Ducks Unlimited to acquire about 199 acres from the Bohn Family Farm. The resolution stated the property would be managed for wildlife habitat and public conservation land. The Town of Berlin had to approve a similar resolution for Ducks Unlimited to receive the grant funds. Ducks Unlimited provided the Town of Berlin a letter explaining the deed restrictions that will be in place. The Town of Berlin is requesting that the City of Berlin approve a resolution with the restriction that no future council may change in such that there will be no future development and such resolution attached & recorded to the property deed. The Council discussed their concerns about no future development what was the Town of Berlin meaning. Atty Chier was concern did that mean no parking lot or shelter house. Lehr made a motion to direct Atty Chier to contact Town of Berlin attorney with their concerns and bring it back to the Common Council meeting. Harke seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was Virtual Meetings Emergency Resolution. Erdmann made a motion to extend the virtual meetings Emergency Resolution until the end of April 2021. Boeck seconded the motion. A voice vote resulted in five (5) ayes, one (1) nay (Lehr) and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

Harke moved to recommend to Common Council to direct staff to put up a Stop Sign at Intersection of Waste Water Treatment Plant Road and Knopf Road in the North Business Park. Erdmann seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Lehr moved to recommend to Common Council the Municipal Forfeiture Bond Schedule updates. Erdmann seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Erdmann moved to recommend to the Common Council to approve the 2021 Purchase of Service Contract-CY2020 with Green Lake County Department of Health & Human Services and to approve the CY2021 Agreement Between Green Lake County DHHS and the City of Berlin for the Berlin Senior Center Meal Program and authorize the appropriate signatures. Harke seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was DNR Lease Renewal for Berlin Lock Area. Kemnitz reviewed that the twenty year lease with the DNR for the Berlin Locks area expired June 1, 2020. The DNR has sent a renewal lease for The City of Berlin to consider that would run November 1, 2020 thru October 31, 2040 for a \$1 fee. Bruessel moved to send the lease to the Park and Recreation and Planning Commissions to look over and bring back their findings to the Common Council. Lehr seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Erdmann moved to recommend to the Common Council to approve and adopt 2021 Wage Adjustment Resolution for non-union employees. Nigbor seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Erdmann moved to recommend to the Common Council to change the fee schedule to comply with the State of Wisconsin Statute 174.053(1) Issuance to Kennel License fee to \$35.00 for 12 or fewer dogs and an additional \$3.00 for each dog in excess of 12. Bruessel seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

There was no old or new business.

At 7:49 p.m. Bruessel made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85 (1) (e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating 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. (1) Ambulance Contracts with Participating Municipalities; 2) Potential ID#15 Developer's Agreement for 160 E. Park Ave Property. Nigbor seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Motion carried. Boeck made a motion to seat Jodie Olson, Lindsey Kemnitz for item 2, Evan Vandenlangenberg and Joshua Schmidt for item #1. Erdmann seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Discussion continued in closed session.

At 8:35 p.m. Erdmann made a motion to reconvene into open session. Nigbor seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

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

Susan Thom, Deputy Clerk