

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
CITY OF BERLIN
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021 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, Bruessel, and Harke. Absent: Ald. Erdmann and Nigbor. Staff present: Lindsey Kemnitz, Atty Chier, Jodie Olson and Susan Thom.

Bruessel made a motion to virtually seat Mayor Schramer. Harke seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

There were no general public comments.

Harke moved to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting. Lehr seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Next was Community Development Block Grant for Planning (CDBG-Planning) Application. Bruessel made a motion to recommend to Common Council to schedule a public hearing on March 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. for the Citizen Participation Plan Committee for the CDBG-Planning application for an economic development plan. Lehr seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was Community Development Block Grant-Business RLF (CDBG-RLF). Lehr made a motion to recommend to Common Council to continue to utilize the business RLF repayments to assist business development and growth in the City of Berlin with the Berlin Community Development Corporation as the reviewing and oversight body and final approval required by Common Council. Also requested BCDC to review the current RLF loan manual and recommend any proposed changes to Common Council for approval. Bruessel seconded the motion which carried by voice vote. The Committee of the Whole discussed how to pay for the attorney expenses. The attorney fees will continue to be paid from the fund.

At 7:16 pm, Lehr made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Sec 19.85 (1)(e), of the WI Statutes, to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public property, investment of public funds or conduct other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. *1) Discussion on negotiations for Paramedic Intercept Services Agreement w/SGLCA, (2) Discussion and negotiation of outstanding Paramedic Intercept bill w/SGLCA; 3) EMS Agreements with Municipalities; 4) Salary review of current paramedic employees. Item 5) Discussion on potential hotel project was removed from agenda.* Boeck seconded the motion. A roll call resulted in four (4) ayes, zero (0) nays and two (2) absent. Bruessel made a motion to seat Jodie Olson and Evan Vandenlangenberg. Boeck seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Discussion continued in closed session.

At 7:40 pm, Bruessel made a motion to reconvene into open session. Lehr seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Bruessel made a motion to recommend to Common Council to increase the current paramedic pay as discussed. Lehr seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

At 7:42 pm, Lehr made a motion to adjourn. Harke seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Susan Thom, Deputy Clerk