

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
CITY OF BERLIN
TUESDAY, March 2, 2021 7:00 PM
COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBER

Mayor Schramer called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Ald. Lehr, Boeck, Nigbor, Erdmann, Bruessel and Harke. Staff present: Lindsey Kemnitz, Atty Chier, Jodie Olson and Susan Thom.

There were no virtual attendees.

There were no general public comments.

Bruessel moved to approve the minutes from February 2, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting. Harke seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was Virtual Meeting Attendance Policy and/ or Parameters. Discussion was held on what the parameters and attendance policy should include. The Committee decided to see how the new equipment works before setting the parameters. Olson stated that the Ordinance 16-20 Temporary Ordinance Electronic/Virtual Meeting expires April 30, 2021 and will have to be reviewed in April.

At 7:15 p.m., Erdmann 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 and negotiation on outstanding Paramedic Intercept bill w/SGLCA; 2) Discussion on potential developers agreement for 227 Ripon Road*). Nigbor 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 Jodie Olson and Lindsey Kemnitz. Boeck seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Discussion continued in closed session.

At 7:35 p.m., Erdmann made a motion to reconvene into open session. Boeck seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Bruessel made a motion to recommend to direct staff to draft a developers agreement for 277 Ripon Rd. Boeck seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote. Lehr abstained from vote.

Kemnitz reviewed that she was intending to apply for a WEDC-CDI grant for remodeling and reopening the hotel at 227 Ripon Rd. The grant requires a 1:1 match with a maximum of \$250,000. Boeck made a motion to recommend to Common Council to approve the resolution to authorize the submission of an application for a Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation community development investment grant. Bruessel seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote. Lehr abstained from vote.

Kemnitz reviewed that she was intending to apply for a CDBG-ED grant to assist in remodeling and reopening the hotel located at 227 Ripon Rd. The City of Berlin would be applying on behalf of the developer and then award the funds to the business in the form of forgivable loan. The grant award is based on the number of jobs being created from the project. The jobs being created must be held by at

least 51% low and moderate income persons for two year time period to forgive the loan. Erdmann made a motion to recommend to Common Council to schedule a public hearing on April 13th, 2021 at 6:30 pm for the Citizen Participation Plan Committee for the CDBG-ED application for 227 Ripon Road. Harke seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote. Lehr abstained from vote.

At 7:40 pm, Bruessel made a motion to adjourn. Nigbor seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Susan Thom, Deputy Clerk