

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
CITY OF BERLIN
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021, 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Bruessel called the May 4, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call present: Ald. Lehr, Boeck, Nigbor, Erdmann, and Burgess. Ward 4 Vacant. Staff present: Jodie Olson, Scott Zabel, Lindsey Kemnitz, Sara Rutkowski and Jeff Engel.

There were no virtual attendees to seat and no general public comments.

Erdmann moved to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Burgess seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Kemnitz updated the Council on the property at 107 W Huron St. This property had an active Raze or Repair order in 2017. In 2018 the raze order was terminated due to the continual progress by the current owner. In the beginning of 2020 the property was transferred to a new owner. The new owner knew the status of the building when he purchased it. Staff met with the new owner in January and agreed to work on the interior demolition for the winter and to start on the back porch in the spring. Kemnitz reached out to the owner in April to notify the owner if a permit is not pulled by May 1st the property will be considered for a raze or repair order. The owner has yet to pull any permits, there is no visible sign of work beginning and neighbors report not hearing any power tools or activity at the sight. After some discussion, Lehr made a motion to recommend to Council to have Attorney Chier begin the Raze or Repair Order at 107 W. Huron St. Erdmann seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Mayor Bruessel received a request from a resident to discuss creating a No Wake Zone on the Fox River. Zabel and Olson spoke on the history of similar requests from residents and distributed a timeline to Council Members showing results of previous failed attempts to create a No Wake Zone, involving the DNR, the Park & Recreation Commission, the Committee of the Whole and the Common Council. After much discussion, it was determined there was no interest by the Common Council to pursue the request. Discussion ended.

Bruessel asked Kemnitz to speak on the next agenda item. Kemnitz gave an overview of the CDBG-CV Microenterprise Business Grants. Erdmann indicated a couple technical issues on the applications included in the packet needing correction. Erdmann made a motion to Recommend to Common Council to Approve the CDBG-CV Microenterprise Business Grants as presented, with corrections, to the Common Council. Burgess seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

At 7:30pm Nigbor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Burgess seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

Midge Seaman, Deputy Clerk