

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
CITY OF BERLIN
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021 7:00 PM
COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBER

Mayor Bruessel called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Ald. Lehr, Boeck, Nigbor, Erdmann, Marks and Burgess. Staff present: Atty Matt Chier, Jodie Olson, Sara Rutkowski and Midge Seaman.

There were no general public comments.

Erdmann moved to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting. Marks seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

The first item on the Agenda was a recommendation to Common Council to approve Resolution #21-13 Changing the Authorized Representative on Recycling Grant reports from Jodie Olson, City Administrator to state simply City Administrator, thereby eliminating the need to name a Person versus a position who is authorized on the Recycling Grant reports. Erdmann moved to approve the recommendation to Council to approve Resolution #21-13 Changing the Authorized Representative on Recycling Grant Reports as stated. Nigbor seconded the motion which passed by voice vote.

Next was a recommendation to Common Council to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the 2021 85.20 Urban Mass Transit Assistance Agreement (State) and Section 5311 Federal Grant Agreement between the City of Berlin and the WI Department of Transportation for Calendar Year 2021 , including the Federal Certifications and Assurances. Olson reported the State and Federal Taxi Grant award this year would not require a cost sharing with the City of Berlin saving us approximately \$30,000. Lehr moved to recommend to Common Council to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the 2021 85.20 Urban Mass Transit Assistance Agreement (State) and Section 5311 Federal grant Agreement between the City of Berlin and the WI Department of Transportation for Calendar Year 2021, including the Federal Certification and Assurances. Burgess seconded the motion which passed by voice vote.

Next, Olson gave the Committee of the Whole an update on the City Audio Visual Broadcasting System. There are approximately 17 contractors we have been working with to try to get this accomplished. It has been difficult. There are a few things holding us up currently; 1) a required Chip which has had production and shipping issues due to the pandemic. 2)an upgrade to the Fiber Optics running to the building-we are at the mercy of the cable company, work needs to take place between 2am and 4am to reduce the number of customers affected by an outage. 3) Lastly, this has been a mad rush for many Cities, villages, towns and Schools to get for their meetings and Schools take priority at the moment to get done before school starts in the fall. Discussion ensued regarding the need to get this whole thing up and running for the sake of the residents who wish to watch the meetings. It was determined that staff is doing as much as they possibly can but the outside entities are not holding up their end of the agreement.

There was no closed session.

At 7:29 p.m. Nigbor moved to adjourn. Marks seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Midge Seaman, Deputy Clerk